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Pak. PM moots 'serious, sincere' talks with Modi

Pakistan wants peace with India, but what is happening in Kashmir should be stopped... we have had three wars with India, and they have only brought more misery, poverty, says Shehbaz Sharif

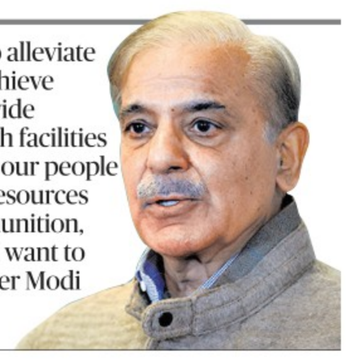
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has called for "serious and sincere talks" with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on "burning points like Kashmir".

In an interview with the Dubai-based *Al Arabiya TV* that was aired on Monday, Mr. Sharif said Pakistan had learnt its lesson after three wars with India and stressed that now it wanted peace with its neighbour.

"My message to the Indian leadership and Prime Minister Modi is that let's sit at the table and have serious and sincere talks to resolve our burning points like Kashmir. It is up to us to live peacefully and make progress or quarrel with each other and waste time and resources," Mr. Sharif said.

> We want to alleviate poverty, achieve prosperity, and provide education and health facilities and employment to our people and not waste our resources on bombs and ammunition, that is the message I want to give to Prime Minister Modi
>
> **SHEHBAZ SHARIF**
> Pakistan Prime Minister



Later, the Pakistan Prime Minister's office (PMO), in a series of tweets, clarified that Mr. Sharif had made it clear that talks with India would be possible only after New Delhi reversed the revocation of Article 370 that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

In the interview, Mr. Sharif said, "We have had three wars with India, and they have only brought more misery, poverty and unemployment to the people. We have learnt our lesson, and we want to live in peace with India, provided we are able to resolve our genuine problems."

Economic crisis

Pakistan, which is battling severe economic crisis and public discontent due to shortage of flour and fuel, among other issues, is also facing rising instances of terror attacks by the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, which ended a ceasefire with the country's security forces late last year.

"India is our neighbour. Let's be very blunt, even if we are not neighbours by choice we are there forever and it is up to us to live peacefully and progress or quarrel with each other and waste time and resources," Mr. Sharif said.

He also brought up the subject of Kashmir, adding that Pakistan wanted peace but insisted that "what is happening in Kashmir should be stopped".

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UNSC sanctions committee blacklists Lashkar's Makki after Beijing lifts its hold

Kallol Bhattacherjee
Ananth Krishnan
NEW DELHI/BEIJING

The ISIL and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council (UNSC) has placed Abdul Rehman Makki, a fundraiser and key planner of the Pakistan-based terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), on its sanctions list.

The move was made possible after China withdrew the "technical hold" that it had imposed last June, when the U.S. and India – then a non-permanent member at the UNSC – tried unsuccessfully to get Makki on the global terror blacklist. Beijing has now argued that the blacklisting is in fact a "recognition" of Pakistan's record of fighting terrorism.

"Abdul Rehman Makki and other LeT/JuD operatives have been involved in raising funds, recruiting and radicalising youth to violence and planning attacks in India, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)," said the Committee, explaining the reasons that prompted it to add Makki to the blacklist. The JuD or Jamaat-ud-Dawa is the parent body of the LeT.

During India's two-year tenure at the UNSC, New Delhi put forth a total of five names for designation under the ISIL and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee including Abdul Rehman Makki (LeT), Abdul Rauf Asghar (Jaish-e-Mohammed), Sajid Mir (LeT), Shahid Mahmood (LeT), and Talha Saeed (LeT).

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Who is Abdul Rehman Makki?

- Place of birth: **Bahawalpur**, Punjab Province, Pakistan
- Nationality: **Pakistan**
- He is the **deputy chief of Lashkar-e-Taiba** (LeT)/ Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and Head of Political Affairs Wing of JuD/LeT
- He also served as **head of LeT's foreign relations department** and member of Shura (governing body). He is the **brother-in-law of JuD/LeT chief Hafiz Muhammad Saeed**

Source: UN Security Council

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Balabrooie can be used for club: HC

BENGALURU
The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday permitted the State government to use Balabrooie guest house to set up the proposed Constitutional Club, a recreational facility for the legislators. » PAGE 8

Elderly man dragged by scooter rider

BENGALURU
A road rage incident between two people went wrong as a 71-year-old man was dragged by a scooter rider, who was trying to escape, for over a kilometre near Magadi road toll gate on Tuesday. » PAGE 3

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55 In lakh tonnes, the amount of sugar to be exported from India so far in the current marketing year ending September, as sugar mills have entered into contracts to do so, according to the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA). Of this, 18 lakh tonnes have already been shipped. In the previous year, the mills had exported around 112 lakh tonnes, an all-time high. PTI

CEOs hold cynical views about global economic growth

73 The percentage of CEOs who expect global economic growth to decline over the next 12 months, the most pessimistic outlook in more than a decade, according to the survey released by PwC at the World Economic Forum Meeting. The survey showed that nearly 40% of CEOs believed their organisations would not be viable in 10 years if they do not transform. PTI

Youth provided jobs in various government departments in Punjab

25,886 The number of govt. jobs given to the youth in Punjab in the last 10 months, according to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. He was addressing a gathering while handing over appointment letters to 271 specialist doctors, 90 lab technicians and 17 helpers in the Health and Family Welfare Department. PTI

Harsh restrictions lead to a decline in China's economic growth

3 In percentage, China's economic growth in 2022, which was under pressure from antivirus controls and a real estate slump, but is gradually reviving after restrictions were lifted. Growth of the world's second-largest economy slid to 2.9% over a year earlier in December from the previous month's 3.9%. Last year's expansion was less than half of 2021's 8.1% growth. AP

A leap in Bitcoin's gains lead to global cryptocurrency boost

26 In percentage, the gain recorded by Bitcoin in January 2023, dragging the crypto market off the floor and electrifying bonk, a new meme coin. The cryptocurrency leapt 22% in the past week alone, above the $20,000 level and putting it on course for its best month since October 2021. Reuters

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India's new proposal for migrant voting

Why is there opposition against the new Remote Electronic Voting Machine (RVM)?Are there doubts regarding the existing EVMs? What are VVPATs and why were they introduced inside the voting units? Will the new voting machines be different? What will be the administrative and logistical challenges?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

The Election Commission of India (ECI) could not demonstrate a prototype of its new Remote Electronic Voting Machine (RVM), which would allow domestic migrants to vote in national and regional elections, after the Opposition raised concerns about the logistical and administrative challenges to remote voting. The Congress had earlier urged the poll body to first "restore trust in the electoral system" and systematically address fears of the misuse of existing EVMs.

How do existing EVMs work?

EVMs started being used on a larger scale in 1992 and since 2000, have been used in all Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections. There have been three iterations of the machine with improved features, the latest one being the M3 model which was manufactured from 2013 onwards. Multiple political parties in 2010 approached the ECI to come up with a mechanism that could help verify that the EVM had recorded the vote correctly as intended by the voter. The ECI, thus, developed along with two Public Sector Undertakings (PSU), the Voter Verified Paper Trail Audit (VVPAT) machine to have a paper trail in the voting process. The use of VVPATs has become universal in elections since mid-2017.

The current EVM setup has a Balloting Unit (BU) which is connected to the VVPAT printer, both of which are inside the voting compartment. The VVPAT is connected to the Control Unit (CU), which sits with the Presiding Officer (PO) and totals the number of votes cast, on its display board. Only once the PO presses the ballot button on the CU, does the BU get enabled for the voter to cast her vote by pressing the key corresponding to the candidate on the ballot paper sheet pasted on the BU. The VVPAT, which is essentially a printing machine, prints a slip with the poll symbol and candidate name, once the voter presses the key on the BU. This slip is visible to the voter on the VVPAT's glass screen for seven seconds after which it gets dropped off in a box inside the VVPAT. Once a vote is cast, the BU becomes inactive till the PO schedules the next vote by enabling it again from the CU.

What are the concerns about EVMs?

Concerned civil society organisations, civil servants who have overseen elections, academicians, journalists, former judges, and political figures formed the Citizens' Commission on Elections (CCE) in 2020, which conducted analysis, recorded depositions from national and international field experts and released a report in 2021 titled, 'Is the Indian EVM and VVPAT System Fit for Democratic Elections?'.

The report highlighted the widely recognised 'democracy principles' to be adhered to while conducting public elections. It stated that the election process should not only be free and fair but "also be seen to be free and fair", meaning instead of being told to trust the process the general public should be provided with provable guarantees to facilitate this trust. The report points out that the details of the EVM design, prototype, software, and hardware verification are not publicly available for technical and independent review, rendering it available only for a black-box analysis, where information about its inner workings is not accessible.

However, the ECI says that unlike other countries, Indian EVMs are standalone, are not connected to the internet, and have a one-time programmable chip, making tampering through the hardware port or through a Wi-Fi connection impossible. Multiple computer scientists have demonstrated that this claim does not stand up to scrutiny as it does not take into account 'side-channel', insider fraud, and trojan attacks. Besides, the OTP chip which cannot be rewritten, also has a flip side, even pointed out by BJP leader G. V. L. Narasimha Rao in his 2010 book *Democracy at Risk! Can we trust our Electronic Voting Machines?*. The ECI sends the EVM software to two foreign chipmakers (in the U.S. and Japan) to burn into the CPU and the manufactured chips are then sent to India for assembly into machines by the two PSUs (BEL and ECIL). This means that the manufacturers cannot read back the contents of the software to ensure its integrity is intact. Functionality tests done by manufacturers can only reveal if the machine is working properly.

Fool-proof?: EVMs inside a strong room ahead of counting of votes for Gujarat Assembly elections, in Ahmedabad on December 8, 2022. PTI

What are the problems with VVPAT?

Dr. Subhashis Banerjee, the head of IIT-Delhi's computer science department and a member of the CCE, told *The Hindu* that for the voting process to be verifiable and correct, it should be machine-independent, or software and hardware independent, meaning, the establishment of its veracity should not depend solely on the assumption that the EVM is correct. Ronald Rivest, an MIT professor and the inventor of encryption, defined in his seminal 2008 paper that "a voting system is software (hardware) independent if an undetected change in software (hardware) cannot lead to an undetectable change in the election outcome," or even if the voting machine is tampered, the same should be detectable in an audit. Dr. Banerjee explained that a simple way to keep the process software or hardware independent is to keep another record, which in a crude or weak way, he said, is done by the VVPAT, which, he added, has its own set of problems.

Dr. Banerjee contends that the current VVPAT system is not voter verified in its full sense, meaning, while the voter sees their vote slip behind the VVPAT's glass for seven seconds, it does not mean they have verified it. That would happen if the voter got the printout in their hand, was able to approve it before the vote is finally cast, and was able to cancel if there is an error. Former IAS officer Kannan Gopinathan, who has overseen both Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, notes in his 2021 paper, that the "voter should have full agency to cancel a vote if not satisfied; and that the process to cancel must be simple and should not require the voter to interact with anybody". Under the current system, if the voter disputes what they have seen behind the screen, they are allowed a test vote in the presence of an election officer, and if the outcome of the test vote is correct, the voter can be penalised or even prosecuted. Mr. Gopinathan and the CCE report argue that this penalisation is discouraging.

Additionally, the assurance given by the ECI that the EVM-VVPAT system is not connected to any external device has been questioned by former civil servants and multiple studies. For the VVPAT to be able to generate voting slips, the symbols, names and the sequence of the candidates need to be uploaded on it which is done by connecting it to a laptop. Mr. Gopinathan points out that to create a VVPAT sheet on the laptop, an application is either downloaded from the ECI server or copied from a local device. It is then uploaded to another device or the Symbol Loading Unit (SLU) through a nine-pin cable, which in turn is connected to the VVPAT for upload. This process raises questions. What is the communication protocol followed here? If the VVPAT is cleared and loaded with new information for every election, does this mean it has a programmable memory? These questions remain unaddressed.

What are institutional safeguards?

The ECI has said time and again that EVMs and their systems are "robust, secure, and tamper-proof", owing to the technical and institutional safeguards in place. The ECI claims that the safeguards, such as the sealing of machines with signatures of polling agents, first-level checks, randomisation of machines, and a series of mock polls before the actual voting, cannot be circumvented. However, domain experts and former observers have shown that vulnerabilities can arise. For example, Mr. Gopinathan states in his report that since it is "known upfront that a fixed number of votes cast at the beginning of the polls in each polling station", will be part of the third mock poll, "theoretically a hack can easily bypass the first few votes, thereby preventing detection of foul play as every key press in the EVM is date and time stamped".

How will RVMs be different?

The EC states in its concept note that the Multi-Constituency RVM for migrant voting will have the same security system and voting experience as the EVM. This essentially means that the challenges mentioned above with regard to the current EVMs will persist when it comes to the RVMs.

Besides, the Commission says the RVM can handle multiple constituencies (up to 72) from a single remote polling booth. For this, instead of a fixed ballot paper sheet, the machine has been modified to have an electronic dynamic ballot display which will present different candidate lists corresponding to the constituency number of the voter read by a constituency card reader. The ECI has added a digital public display unit or a monitor to act as an interface between the constituency card reader and the BU display. As for the commissioning process of the machine, the electronic ballot will be prepared by the Returning Officers (ROs) of home constituencies of voters, and forwarded to the remote RO for uploading in the SLU.

This would raise questions about how these new devices communicate with each other – is there a device with programmable memory? At what point is the unit connected to an external device for symbol loading, and while the keys on the BU are mapped to the serial numbers, would it be possible to mess with the digital display to show a modified list to the voter?

Besides machine related concerns, Dr. Banerjee pointed out the logistical and administrative challenges that remote voting would present. These include questions on how voter registration will take place in remote locations, how names will be removed from the electoral rolls of the home constituency, how remote voting applications will be made transparent etc.

THE GIST

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ITPB to get direct access from Pattandur Agrahara Metro Station

As per an agreement, Information Technology Park Ltd. will build a walkway that will help over 55,000 professionals reach their workplaces from the station without crossing the road

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) has signed an agreement with the Information Technology Park Ltd. (ITPL) to provide direct access from the concourse level of Pattandur Agrahara Metro Station to International Tech Park Bengaluru (ITPB).

As per the agreement, ITPL will build a walkway which will help over 55,000 professionals to reach their workplaces straight from the station without crossing the road. The BMRCL will approve the design of the walkway. An agreement in this regard was made on Tuesday. A release said that for the first time, the BMRCL reached an agreement in providing direct access on Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield metro line.

The BMRCL is aiming to start commercial operations in two phases: by March, the line between K.R. Puram and Whitefield will be opened, and by mid-year, the rest of the line from K.R. Puram to Baiyappanahalli will be opened. The opening of the entire line is expected to benefit 3 to 3.5 lakh passengers per day. The total length of the purple line is 15 km. At present, it is operational from Kengeri to Baiyappanahalli.

Govt. urged to withdraw amendment made to electricity reforms

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) on Tuesday urged to the State government to withdraw the amendment made to Karnataka Electricity Reforms, which allows the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. to adjust government's part of pension contribution to the staff through electricity tariffs.

"This is a clear case of illogical and unwarranted recovery of an institutional liability from the consumer, who is in no way connected to such expenditure," said K.N. Narasimha Murthy, president, KASSIA.

He said that Micro and Small Enterprises are being severely impacted by many burdens imposed by the government. "The consent fee levied by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has been increased by over 100 times. Further, there has also been an increase in property tax," he said.

Training programme

The Hindu Bureau
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O.S. NO. 2055/2021

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore- 560025, and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative. ...Plaintiff

And

Mr. Samrat Mukherjee ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
1. Mr. Samrat Mukherjee, S/o. Sunilkumar Mukherjee, Aged About 38 Years, Residing at 303, 4th Avenue, 4th Main, 1st Block, Teachers Colony, Koramangala, Near Udupi Grand, Bengaluru-560034.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.7,55,170/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-23), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 15/02/2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex- Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 09th day of January, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A',
3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru- 01.

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-59) AT BANGALORE
O.S. NO. 6441/2022

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007, having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore- 560025, and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative. ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Anand Samuel Devadas ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
1. Mr. Anand Samuel Devadas, S/o. Samuel Nirmal Devadas, Aged About 38 Years, Residing At No. E 303, Krishna Diamond Apartment, 1st Cross Road, Near ICICI Bank ATM, Bangalore-560092

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.4,11,610.03/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-59), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 18/03/2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 07th day of January, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru -01.

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 25944/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And

Sri. Mahesh M. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Mahesh M.
S/o. Sri. Mallappa,
Aged About 37 Years,
No. 44, Chandan Nilaya,
Bandemata Road,
Vishweshwaraiah Layout,
Kengeri Satellite, Near Mahaveer Home, Kengeri,
Bangalore- 560 060

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.7,51,235/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Five Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17/02/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 19/12/2022.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH- 20
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25231 OF 2022

BETWEEN :
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001, And represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Pramodh G, S/o. Gurumalappa. Age: 47 years. ...Plaintiff

AND
Mr. Mahesh B. ...Defendant

Summons/Notice through Paper Publication

Defendant
Mr. MAHESH B.
Aged about 35 years, Son of Boralingaiah, R/a Door No. 154, Thamasandra, Harohalli, Near Sushma Rice Mill, Ramnagara- 562 112.
...DEFENDANT

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount Rs.5,25,927/- together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a advocate/pleader on 04/03/2023 at 11.00 AM to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as **"EX-PARTE".**

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 09th January, 2023.

By order of the court

Advocate for Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate
No 177/1, (88), 1st Floor,
Besides 12th Cross,
Cubbonpet Main Road,
Bengaluru-560 002.

IN THE COURT OF XIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE. CCH-18
I.A. No.....
In O.S. NO. 891/2022.

Between
ICICI BANK LIMITED
4/10, Mythree Centre, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560068
POA Holdar Mr Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff

And
Syed Noor Mohammed I ...Defendants

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT

To,
Syed Noor Mohammed I
S/o Sha Aziz Mohammed,
Aged about 37 Years,
No.28, 4th Cross, 1st B Main, Yellanahalli, Akshay Nagar, Bengaluru-560068.
Also at :
Syed Noor Mohammed I
S/o Sha Aziz Mohammed,
E/145, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Srinidhi Lay Out,
Chunchaghatta,
Bengaluru- 560062.

WHEREAS, the above-named Plaintiff has filed the above Original Suit for recovery of a sum of Rs. 5,64,802,65/- (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundered Two and Sixty Five Paisa only with interest at 24% p.a. calculated on monthly rests, from the date of Suit till realization against you. You are hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed, on 01/02/2023 at 11:00 A.M., in the above Original Suit, failing which the said Suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, the 28th day of December, 2022

By order of the court
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocates for Plaintiff:
M.V. KINI & CO., Advocates & Solicitors, No. 32/12,3A, 3rd Floor, Alsa Glendridge, Opp. St. Joseph College, Langford Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

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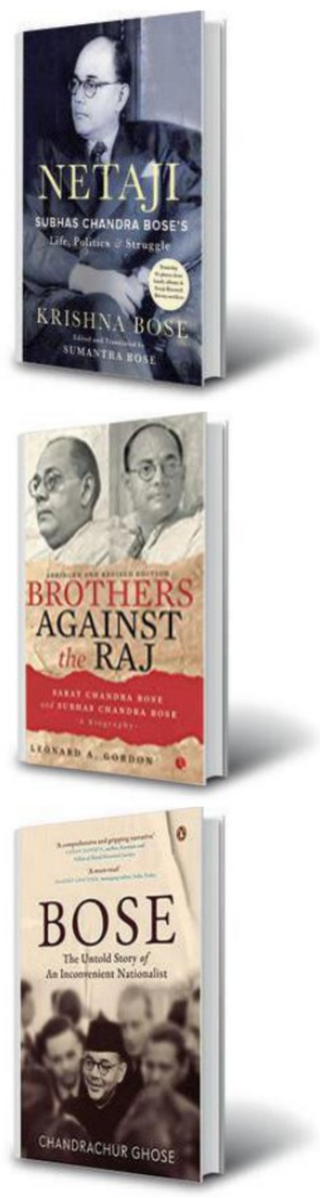


Decoding the legacy and complex politics of Subhas Chandra Bose

On the eve of his 126th birth anniversary on January 23, we read a host of books and biographies which try to understand the fiery nationalist and enigma that was Netaji through his political, social and moral commitments

Soma Basu

There is an element of intrigue that trails Subhas Chandra Bose's persona, his life, disappearance and death. He was a dynamic personality of India's freedom movement who inspired hundreds of Indians to join the struggle.

Books on Bose offer an insight into his beliefs and motivation. Not many definitive biographies of Bose have been written by Indian historians, and the most authentic narratives are from his family members and those who have had personal experiences of him, being associated with his Azad Hind Fauj.

Scholar and politician Krishna Bose, who is the wife of Bose's nephew, Sisir Bose, travelled the world to piece his life from childhood to death. A compilation of her findings, written in Bengali over six decades, has been edited and translated by her son Sumantra Bose. Published last August, *Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Life, Politics and Struggle* profiles Bose, and includes 95 images and letters from family albums and the Netaji Research Bureau archives.

Battlefields and favourite cities

Over the years, Krishna Bose researched and visited the Manipur battlefields where the Indian National Army (INA) waged its valiant war, the Andamans where Bose raised the national tricolour; Singapore, where the INA took shape; Vienna and Prague, his favourite European cities; and Taipei, where his life was said to have been tragically cut short. She met Bose's contemporaries; the women who fought in the Rani of Jhansi Regiment; Basanti Debi, the "formidable widow" of Netaji's political guru Chittaranjan Das; spouse Emilie Schenkl; and leading soldiers of the Azad Hind movement. They all shared vital memories giving details about Netaji's life.

In *His Majesty's Opponent: Subhas Chandra Bose and India's Struggle Against Empire* (2011), Sugata Bose, son of Krishna and Sisir Bose, analyses Bose's life and legacy, tracing the intellectual impact of his years in Calcutta and Cambridge, the ideas and relationships that influenced him during his time in exile and his ascent to the peak of nationalist politics. He documents Bose's thoughts during his imprisonment and travels, and his struggle to unite the religious, linguistic and economic diversities of India into a single independent nation.

Sisir Bose, who is Bose's elder brother Sarat Kumar Bose's son, also wrote a concise biography *Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose* that was published during the centenary celebrations of the Indian National Congress. Simple and lucidly written, it focusses on the charismatic leader's life in the background of the freedom struggle.

Similarly, *Subhas Chandra Bose: The Springing Tiger* by Hugh Toye is a comprehensive and valuable history of the leader. It talks about how the INA was established with captured British-Indian soldiers during WWII; and it is a significant study in Anglo-Indian relations over a vital period, and of the new brand of leaders in Asia. The story of Bose's life has an enduring interest, and Toye makes his protagonist come alive in all his idealism, fiery nationalism and political astuteness, giving a peek into its implications and providing context.

A brilliant biography of Bose and his elder brother Sarat Chandra Bose, *Brothers Against the Raj* (1990) is by American historian, Leonard A. Gordon of Harvard University. Packed with information with over 150 interviews with the Bose brothers' political contemporaries and family members and hundreds of unpublished letters, it brings to life two important leaders in Indian history, recounting their story in the context of the turbulent times of international relations and the complex politics of India and Bengal during their time.

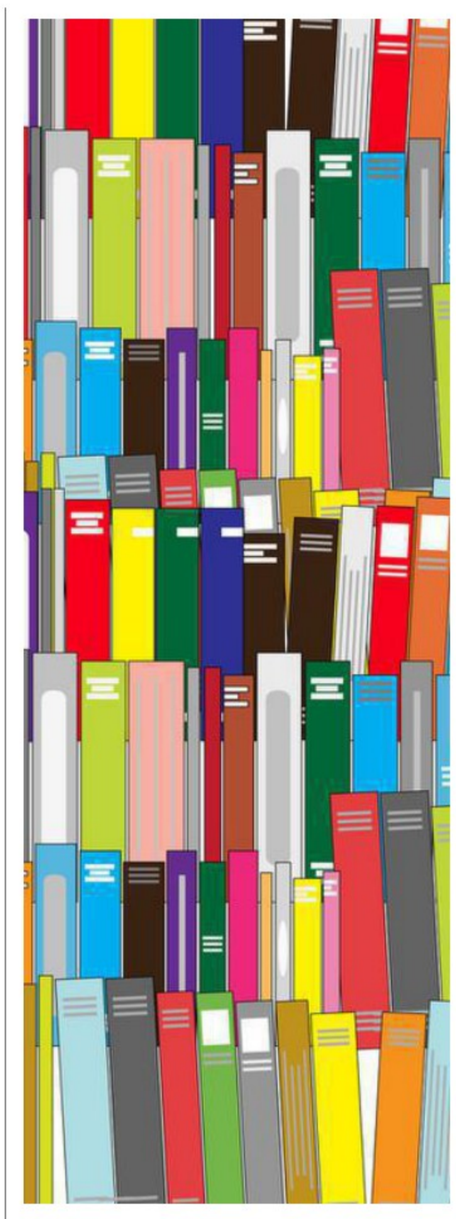
Splintered politics

There are several books based on what is widely known about Bose – when he resigned from the Indian Civil Service to join the freedom movement, threw a challenge to the Congress leadership and took up an extremist stance against the British, evaded the intelligence network to travel to Europe and Southeast Asia, formed two governments and raised two armies, all in a span of two decades. But Chandrachur Ghose throws new light on Bose's political activities surrounding revolutionary groups in Bengal, Punjab, Maharashtra and the United Provinces.

In a critical biography, *Bose: The Untold History Of An Inconvenient Nationalist* (2022), Ghose talks about Bose's efforts to bridge the increasing communal divide and his influence among the splintered political landscape; his outlook towards women; his plunge into spirituality; and penchant for covert operations. He talks about one of the most sensitive issues – a fiercely patriotic Bose aligning with the Axis camp.

The War Diary of Asha-san by Lt. Bharati Asha Sahay Choudhry and *Patriot: The Unique Indian Leader* by Lt. Manwati Arya, I.N.A, show another side of Bose, as a leader who practised impartiality and secularism and why people cutting across caste, creed and religion were willing to join his fight. Even Gandhi who once considered Bose "rebellious" later said, as Sugata Bose writes in *His Majesty's Opponent*, "Netaji's name is one to conjure with. His patriotism is second to none."

On February 12, 1946, Gandhi wrote in *Harijan*: "The lesson that Netaji and his army brings to us is one of self-sacrifice, unity – irrespective of class and community – and discipline." Bose's followers still wonder how he would have shaped India's future through his political, social and moral commitments.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mr. C. Govindaswamy of Mudukkarai wants to know the meaning of the idiom 'burn the midnight oil.'"

" 'To burn the midnight oil' is to work very hard, to study late into the night. Before the days of electricity, only oil lamps were used at night. When one studied late into the night, one did burn a lot of oil. From this we get the idiom 'burn the midnight oil.'

This is the examination period. He is burning the midnight oil.

I don't know whether I will be able to clear the arrears in two days even with much burning of the midnight oil.

Now we consume only midnight electricity! Still we must stick to the idiom 'burn the midnight oil' as oil is more reliable than electricity. We don't hear of 'oil failure' or 'oil shedding'!"

"A reader wants to know the difference between 'a doubtful character' and 'a dubious character.'"

" 'He is a doubtful character' means that he is a questionable character; he may not be reliable, he may not be honest. You have doubts about his character. A 'dubious character' is also of questionable or suspected character. 'Dubious' carries more insinuation than 'doubtful.' A dubious friend is more unreliable than a doubtful friend.

Parents are worried when their children are in doubtful company, but are seriously disturbed when they are in dubious company."

"Mr. V. L Subramani of Madras wants to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'laissez-faire.'"

" 'Laissez-faire' is a French expression which means to let (people) do (what they want). It is a doctrine which opposes government interference in economic affairs. 'ai' in 'laissez' is pronounced like the 'ai' in 'paid.' The 'e' is also pronounced like the 'ai' in 'paid.' The final 'z' is silent, 'faire' is pronounced like 'fare.'"

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Rudyard Kipling an English novelist, short-story writer, and poet passed away this day 87 years ago. Here is a quiz on his works

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

This poem is set in colonial Burma, with the protagonist a cockney working-class soldier. The poem was later set to music by Oley Speaks. The song was sung by a famous American singer and actor. Identify the poem and the singer who sang the song.

QUESTION 2

In 2002, to mark the centenary of the publication of the book, this collection of stories featured on a series of U.K. postage stamps. The stories illustrate how animals acquired their distinctive features. Name the book.

QUESTION 3

In 2012, an extinct species was named after Rudyard Kipling in recognition of his enthusiasm for natural sciences. Identify the species and its name.

QUESTION 4

Learoyd, Mulvaney, and Ortheris are the characters from which Kipling story? In which book was this story published?

QUESTION 5

This is a semi-autobiographical short story by Rudyard Kipling, published in 1888. There is a rhyme by the same name. The story deals with the unkind treatment that Kipling received between the ages of six and 11 in a foster home in Southsea. What is the name of the story?

Visual question:

Identify these famous characters and name the book. The stories in the book are set in a place in Madhya Pradesh. Name the place.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The number of compartments inside a cow's stomach. **Ans: 4**

2. The term for a young female cow. **Ans: Heifer**

3. This State in India is the largest producer of milk. **Ans: Uttar Pradesh**

4. The common name used to describe the group of nomadic people found primarily in Tamil Nadu and Kerala who have made a living by travelling from place to place with a decorated bull. **Ans: Boom Boom Mattukaran or Adiyan or Poo Idayar**

5. Cows have these many teeth. **Ans: 32**

Visual: Identify this breed of cattle. **Ans: Kangeyam**

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Word of the day

Jejune:
of insufficient quantity to meet a need; displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity; lacking interest or significance or impact (used as an adjective)

Synonyms: inadequate, short, poor, juvenile, puerile, adolescent, insipid

Usage: *The MLA had a very jejune response to our problems.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/jejunepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /dʒɪˈdʒuːn/

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Screening of films tomorrow

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Yugantar Feminist Film Collective in collaboration with Gamana Women's Collective, Bangalore Film Society, and NMKRV College for Women will organise screening of films from India's first Feminist Collective along with panel discussion with members of Domestic Workers Right Union and All India progressive Women's Association on Thursday. It will be held at Saswathi auditorium, NMKRV College for Women, Jayanagar, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Timings
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:14
RISE 02:53	SET 14:33
THURSDAY, JAN. 19	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:14
RISE 03:57	SET 15:33
FRIDAY, JAN. 20	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:15
RISE 05:04	SET 16:38

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Tumakuru	30	18
Mysuru	30	15
Bengaluru	30	15

Bengaluru Today
30°C A dry weather to prevail. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slightwarm. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm. Night will be cool and hazy.

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Road rage: Elderly man dragged by scooter rider for over a kilometre

After an accident, Muthappa was dragged along, while scooter rider Sahil, fearing public ire, rode on thinking the former would let go of the vehicle

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BENGALURU

A 71-year-old man being dragged by a scooter rider near Magadi Road toll gate on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A road rage incident between two people went wrong as a 71-year-old man was dragged by a scooter rider, who was trying to escape, for over a kilometre near Magadi Road toll gate on Tuesday.

The accused, identified as Sahil, 25, stopped his bike only after an autorickshaw driver chased and intercepted him. Other motorists arrived and thrashed him while he tried to call his friend for help, and handed him over to the police.

According to the police, Muthappa Shivayogi Thontapur, owner of a printing press in Hegganahalli, was driving to the press when Sahil, a medical representative, collided with the car from behind.

Muthappa got down from the car and soon, a heated argument ensued. In the melee, Sahil tried to escape, but Muthappa stopped him by holding the rest handle of the scooter and lost balance as the scooter was moving. Muthappa was dragged along, while Sahil, fearing severe consequences, rode on thinking he would let go. But Muthappa did not give up and held on tightly despite being dragged.

Soon, others motorists started shouting at Sahil, which made him panic more and he tried to escape. A motorist intercepted him near the metro station. Muthappa was taken to a hospital near Adichunchanagiri Mutt, where he is being treated. The doctors are awaiting the report to ascertain if he has internal injuries.

Reacting to the incident, Muthappa said that Sahil was adamant and did not apologise: "If he had said sorry, I would have let him go. Hence, I tried to stop him and was dragged in the melee."

However, the police said Sahil confessed before the Govindrajnagar police that he was scared of public ire and repercussions and tried to escape.

Based on a complaint by Muthappa, the police registered a case against Sahil, charging him under Section 337 (cause hurt to any person by doing any act so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life), Section 338 (cause grievous hurt to any person by acting rashly or negligently as to endanger human life), and Section 307 (attempt to murder) under IPC.

He has also been booked for rash and negligent driving and also under various sections of IMV Act by the traffic police, Lakshman Nimbargi, DCP, West Division, said.

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Cadaver organ donations: Karnataka ranks second after Telangana in country

Gujarat follows Karnataka with 147 donations; reaching out to tier II cities to be focus of State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation this year

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Cadaveric organ donation in Karnataka is catching up fast with 151 donations in 2022. With this, Karnataka has facilitated the second highest number of cadaver organ donations in India after Telangana, where 194 donations have happened. Gujarat follows Karnataka with 147 donations.

This is the first time that organ donations in Karnataka have gone beyond 105 since the inception of the erstwhile Zonal Coordination Committee of Karnataka (ZCCK) for organ transplantation in 2007. The State had recorded 105 donations in 2019.

In 2017, ZCCK was registered as a society and named as Jeevasarthakathe, the State's nodal agency that facilitates cadaveric organ donations. On September 5, 2022, the Union Health Ministry officially recognised Jeevasarthakathe as the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) and allocated Central funds of ₹84 lakh.

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On September 22, organ donations crossed the century mark in the State. The 99th organ donation that happened in Chikkamagaluru district hospital is noteworthy. This hospital, which has been identified as a Non-Transplant Human Organ Retrieval Centre (NTHORC), is the first district hospital to identify a potential organ donor.

According to Karnataka SOTTO authorities, the top contributors to the cadaver organ transplant programme in 2022 are Aster RV hospital (20 donations), Apollo BGS Mysuru (19), Trauma and Emergency Care Centre (TECC) on Victoria hospital campus (12), Aster CMI (12), and BGS Global in Kengeri (12).

Organ pledge

State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said reaching out to tier II cities was the focus of SOTTO Karnataka this year. "The Hubballi-Dharwad zone is doing really well with eight donations at KLES Dr. Prabhakar Kore Hospital and Medical Research Centre and six donations in SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital in Dharwad. Karnataka is the only State where the government organised a mass organ pledge event, where the Chief Minister and the Health Minister along with Cabinet ministers and the Chief Secretary have pledged organ donation," he said.

"The contribution of TECC was one of the major contributions of a government hospital towards the cadaver organ donation programme with a total of 12 donors from this hospital in less than six months of being recognised as NTHORC. Besides, celebrity endorsement such as Puneet Rajkumar's eye donation, public awareness events such as slow car race, and human chains have had an impact," he said.

Sonal Asthana, member of Liver Advisory Committee in Karnataka SOTTO and Clinical Lead, Hepatobiliary Surgery and Multi-organ Transplant at Aster Group of Hospitals, said a proactive SOTTO team with motivated coordinators are the bedrock of Karnataka's performance. "They are also well supported by the State administrative mechanism. We also have an excellent public-private coordination and partnership. Technocratic best practice advice given by experts in both public and private sector has helped," he said.

Logistic challenges

"To further improve, we must make transplant available to patients in tier II and tier III cities. It will avoid logistic challenges of organ transport and allow patients to receive life saving care closer to home," Dr. Asthana added.

ISEC golden jubilee celebrations on Jan. 18, 20

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The Institute for Social and Economic Change is holding the golden jubilee celebrations on January 18 and 20 on its premises on Dr. V.K.R.V. Road in Nagarabhavi. On Wednesday, there will be an exhibition of ISEC research works which is open for public viewing between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. On Friday, there will be a V.K.R.V Rao lecture by J.K. Bajaj, chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research, between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is expected to inaugurate the V.K.R.V. Rao Hostel on campus at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client intends to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **Mr.Umesh S Moorthy** S/o Sri.M.Sachidananda Moorthy residing at No.25/34, 1st Floor, Vishwanatha Rao Road, Madhavanagar, Bangalore- 560 001.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 07days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.25 (old Site No.71), having PID No.77-93-25 measuring East to West: 70 ft and North to South: 50 ft totally measuring 3500 Sq.ft along with a building thereon situated at Madhavanagar Main Road, Bangalore and bounded on as follows:
East by : KCN Bhavan
West by : Road
North by : Property bearing No.24 (old site No.70)
South by : Property bearing No.26 (old Site No.72)

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

Heli-tourism in Chikkamagaluru

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Chikkamagaluru district administration has organised heli-tourism as part of Chikkamagaluru Utsava to be held between January 18 and 22.

All those aged above two years can go for helicopter ride.

A ride for six-seven minutes costs ₹3,700 and for 12-13 minutes, the cost is ₹5,600.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that My clients **Smt. Nirmala Sadanand Kirloskar** D/o. Haripant Keshav Kulkarni, **Sri.Shailesh Sadanand Kirloskar** S/o.Sadanand Krishnaji Kirloskar and **Sri.Amarendra Sadanand Kirloskar** S/o. Sadanand Krishnaji Kirloskar, all residing at Shete Complex 155/1 B, Railway Lines, Dufferin Chowk, Solapur, Maharashtra 413001, have entered into an understanding to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from **Smt. P.N.Shanta** W/o. Late S.N.Eswar and **Kumari. Swati Eswar** D/o. Late S.N.Eswar.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing **No.393, C.J.Venkatadasa Road, Jayanagar HBCS 1st Stage, Padmanabhanagar, Kadirenahalli layout, Bangalore 560070, (PID No.) Property ID No.55-9-393,** formed by The Jayanagara Co-operative Housing Society Limited. Measuring East to West :40 Feet and North to South : 60 Feet, together with a residential house measuring 20.50 Sq. and building thereon bound on;
East by : Property No.392
West by : Property No.394
North by : Road
South by : Property No.398, 400 & 399

If any body has any right, interest or claims on the aforesaid schedule property they are at liberty to file their objections with documentary proof within 15 days to the below mentioned address, failing which my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property as there is no objections. Any claim raised after **15 days** would not be binding on my clients.

Trust Law Advocates & Solicitors
No.29/11, 1st Main, 1st Floor,
Mount Joy Road, Hanumanthanagar,
Bangalore 560019. M : 8050503089

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our clients have intent to purchase the vacant property bearing **Site No.75,** Present BBMP "B" Katha Sl. No. 8093, comprised in the Sy No.87/2, Situated at **THANISANDRA Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore, as per physical measurement measuring **East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq feet** and bounded on the:-
East by : Private Property;
West by : Road;
North by : Site No.76;
South by : Site No.74;
And also Site No.116, **Present BBMP "B" Katha Sl No. 8111,** comprised in the Sy No.87/2, Situated at **THANISANDRA Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring **East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq.feet,** and bounded on the :
East by : Road;
West by : Private Property;
\North by : Site No.115;
South by : Site No.117;
from its present Owners **Sri. G.R. PRAKASH,** aged about 60 Years, S/o Sri. G. R. Ranganath, they had acquired the same through registered Absolute Sale Deed dated 19/10/2002, Document No.BNG(U) KRP-10516/2002-2003, Book I, Volume No.2714, Pages 144 to 148, Registered on :20/11/2002, before the Office of the Sub-Registrar K.R.Puram, Bangalore.
Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **10 days** from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period. it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

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Advocate, SNN Associates,
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Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043,
Land Mark Near Horamavu Signal,
Above Canara Bank & HDFC ATM.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr. PRATEEK SOHAM MAHANTI S/o Mr. Pramod Kumar Mahanti** intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Smt. R. Sugana D/o. Sri. Subba Rao and M/s. Manyata Developers PVT LTD Represented by its authorized Signatory Sri. Prabhakar. R,** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest, or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential **Site No.54,** measuring East to West 12 Meter and North to South 09 Meter, in Survey No.58/3, E-Katha No.150300200401120944, situated at **illthore Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk Bangalore Rural District** in the residential project known as **"EARTHSONG BY MANYATA PHASE-3"** and bounded on the:
East by: Site No.28, West by: Road, North by: Site No.53, South by: Road

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BE KNOWN TO ALL that our client **Mr. Ramesh S.T.** S/o. Mr. Thammanna Gowda, R/at. No.70, Devamachohalli, Bangalore South, Tavarekere, Bangalore – 562130, intend to purchase the industrially converted properties which is mentioned in the schedule Property from **M/s. Auma India Private Limited** for a valuable Sale Consideration. If any person entity has any claim/objection in the matter of the intended sale of the said properties or any part, thereof, such a person submits his/her/their claim/objection with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned in writing within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there is no claims/objections and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the said properties from the owner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO.1:
All that piece and parcel of the industrially converted land bearing **Sy.No.44/1A** measuring 0-22 guntas plus confirmed Kharab of 0-01 Gunta plus 0-02 guntas of kharab **and** Sy.No.44/1B measuring 0-10 guntas **and** Sy.No.44/2 measuring 0-24 guntas plus 0-01 Gunta of Kharab **and** Sy.No.45/1 measuring 3 acres 16 guntas plus Kharab of 04 guntas **and** Sy.No.45/3, measuring 0-13 guntas **and** Sy.No.50/4, measuring 0-03 guntas **and** portion of Sy.No.50/7A2 measuring 0-38 guntas plus 0-04 guntas of Kharab **and** Sy.No.50/7B measuring 0-07 guntas **and** Sy.No.50/7C measuring 0-05 guntas plus 0-01 Gunta of Kharab in all together measuring 6 acres 19 guntas excluding Kharab and bounded on:
EAST BY : Road and Land bearing Sy.No.45/2 belongs to M/s. Auma India Pvt Ltd.;
WEST BY : Annadanappa's land and water channel and the portion of land in Sy.No.50/7A2 retained by Sri. A. Lingappa and others towards South;
NORTH BY : Beeralingaiah, Gundappa, Hanumanthappa and others' land; and
SOUTH BY : Land in Sy.No.45/2 belongs to M/s. Auma India Pvt. Ltd., towards eastern end and Katcha Road and the portion of land in Sy.No.50/7A2 retained by Sri. A. Lingappa and others;

ITEM NO.2:
All that piece and parcel of the industrially converted land bearing Sy.No.45/2, measuring 0-09 guntas plus 1 Gunta of Kharab and bounded on:
EAST BY : Road;
WEST BY : Land in Sy.No.45/1 and other survey numbers belongs to M/s. Auma India Pvt. Ltd., and thereafter Annadanappa's land and Water channel;
NORTH BY : Land in Sy.No.45/3 belongs to M/s. Auma India Pvt. Ltd., towards eastern end and the lands of Beeralingaiah, Gundappa, Hanumanthappa and others; and
SOUTH BY : Katcha Road;

ITEM NO.3:
All that piece and parcel of the industrially converted land bearing Sy.No.44/1C, measuring 0-09 guntas **and** Sy.No.87/1 measuring 0-07 guntas **and** Sy.No.87/2 measuring 0-07 guntas **and** Sy.No.88/2 measuring 0-10 guntas in all together measuring 0-33 guntas excluding Kharab and bounded on:
EAST BY : Land bearing Sy.No.50;
WEST BY : Land bearing Sy.No.90;
NORTH BY : Land bearing Sy.No.86 and part of Sy.No.87; and
SOUTH BY : Sy.No.92 and part of Sy.No.93;
Item No. I to III Properties duly converted from agricultural purpose into industrial purpose, vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN.SR (N)SR/259/2005-06, dated 05-07-2006, passed by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore situated at **Hyadalu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹಾವೇರಿ

ನಂ.ಜಿನಕೋಹಾ/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ/ಸಿಆರ್-150/2017-18 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13/01/2023

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

1. ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ ಪುರಸಭೆ/ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ನಿಗಧಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **13/02/2023** ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು	ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ/ಅರ್ಹತೆ	ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ
1.	ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ	225	1. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. 2. ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. 3. ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಆಯಾ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ/ ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ/ದಿನಗೂಲಿ/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ/ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ/ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಲೋಡರ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕ್ಲೀನರ್ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ 2 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇಲ್ಲದಂತೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ನಿಯಮಗಳು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 4. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕಕ್ಕೆ 18 ವರ್ಷ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ 55 ವರ್ಷ.	17000-28950

1. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ.

ವಿವರ	ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ವಿಳಾಸ
ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ	13-01-2023	ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಹಾವೇರಿ/ರಾಣೇಬೆನ್ನೂರು/ಪುರಸಭೆ ಬ್ಯಾಡಗಿ/ಹಾನಗಲ್ಲ/ಸವಣೂರು/ಶಿಗ್ಗಾಂವ/ಬಂಕಾಪುರ/ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ಹಿರೇಕೆರೂರು/ಗುತ್ತಲ/ರಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ
ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	13-02-2023	
ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ	14-02-2023 ರಿಂದ 28-02-2023 ರವರೆಗೆ	---
ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ	01-03-2023	---
ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕಾಲಾವಕಾಶ	01-03-2023 ರಿಂದ 07-03-2023 ರವರೆಗೆ	---
ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾದ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ	10-03-2023	---
ಅಂತಿಮ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ	10-03-2023	---

ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ :

1. ಹಾವೇರಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 27 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ	2	5	3	1	0	0	1	0	12
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	9	5	1	0	0	3	0	27

2. ರಾಣೇಬೆನ್ನೂರು ನಗರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 37 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ್ರ-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ	2	6	5	1	1	0	1	0	16
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	13	10	1	1	0	3	0	37

3. ಬ್ಯಾಡಗಿ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 26 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ	2	5	3	1	0	0	1	0	12
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	8	5	1	0	0	3	0	26

4. ಹಾನಗಲ್ಲ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 19 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	19

5. ಸವಣೂರು ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 37 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ್ರ-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ	2	6	5	1	1	0	1	0	16
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	13	10	1	1	0	3	0	37

6. ಶಿಗ್ಗಾಂವ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 22 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ	2	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	10
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	6	5	1	0	0	1	0	22

7. ಬಂಕಾಪುರ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 21 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ	2	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	9
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	6	5	0	0	0	1	0	21

8. ಹಿರೇಕೆರೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತನಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 18 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಸಾ.ಅ	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
ಒಟ್ಟು	8	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	18

9. ಗುತ್ತಲ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತನಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 13 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಸಾ.ಅ	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ಒಟ್ಟು	6	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	13

10. ರಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತನಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 05 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋನಿಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ.ಪಂ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಸಾ.ಅ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಒಟ್ಟು	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

1. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವರವಾದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಹಾವೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಆಯಾ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ಪುರಸಭೆ/ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
2. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ವಿಳಾಸ ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಆಯಾ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ಪುರಸಭೆ/ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ.
3. ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಹಾಗೂ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರಕವಾದ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಯಂ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿ ನಿಗಧಿತ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು/ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
4. ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ನಿಗಧಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಹಾವೇರಿ ರವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು/ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಆಯಾ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಬಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
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- Unbroken glass jars / bottles
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Post-pandemic: Zoos in Karnataka earn ₹75.72 crore revenue in eight months

Nine zoos – primarily Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru and Mysuru zoo – attracted 52.77 lakh visitors from April to December in 2022

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Going by the footfall, and revenue attracted by nine zoos in the State, it's clear that they have recovered from the COVID-19 blues. The zoos under the control of Zoo Authority of Karnataka were badly hit and the pandemic had shattered their earnings, forcing them to seek donations from animal lovers and wildlife enthusiasts, for their maintenance.

Thankfully, 2022 came as a ray of hope as it turned out to be a promising year for the zoological gardens with the zoos managing to make a sizable revenue with impressive footfall post-pandemic.

File photo of visitors at the Mysuru zoo.

In a span of eight months - from April to December 2022 - the nine zoos earned ₹75.72 crore out of 52.77 lakh footfall. Of course, the major revenue has come from the large zoos such as the Mysuru zoo, and Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP).

If 16.12 lakh footfall was registered by the BBP, the Bannerghatta Biological Park, Hampi Zoo, Chitradurga zoo, Gadag zoo, Kalaburagi zoo, Belagavi zoo, Davangere zoo and Shivamogga zoo. Revenue from Karanji Lake Nature Park is also taken into consideration.

The details of the earnings and footfall in 2022 were disclosed at a press conference at the Mysuru zoo by ZAK Chairman Shivakumar M. recently.

Mr Shivakumar sought separate funding from the government for handling animals rescued and captured in conflict situations. There has been a rise in animals brought to the zoos after rescue in view of increased human-animal conflicts. This has doubled the maintenance of zoos that look after such animals. The ZAK is incurring an expenditure of around ₹8-9 crore from its resources towards the handling of the rescued animals. This needs to be suitably compensated by making separate allocation to the ZAK, he suggested.

The ZAK presented a ₹115.31 crore budget for 2022-23. However, the ZAK was now in need of 30 crore for the maintenance of zoos, development works, and administrative expenses, animal feeds and so on. "If the fund was released to ZAK, it will help in taking up development works and the maintenance of zoos until March 2023," he said.

For the State's zoological gardens that bore the brunt of COVID-19, depleting footfall to a record low and thereby threatening their survival, the footfall saw a big rise in October-November and reached a peak in December. The visitors' numbers have reached the pre-pandemic level. While the visitors to the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) in Bengaluru exceeded the pre-pandemic numbers in November, the footfall reached the pre-COVID-19 phase at the Mysuru zoo in December.

The small, medium and major zoos that are under the control of ZAK usually attract about 6 million visitors annually, with the highest footfall recorded by the Mysuru and Bannerghatta zoos.

INBRIEF

Water adalat to be held in various parts of city tomorrow

The BWSSB will hold a water adalat on Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in various parts of the city to address grievances related to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic, and other issues.

It will be held at North West-2 - Peenya II Stage, North West-4 Pipeline Road, Sunkadakatte, Central-1-2, Nethaji Road, Frazer Town, North East 2, Central Street; North 1-2, P and T Colony, R.T. Nagar; North 2-2, 3rd Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura; South 1-2, Kodichikkanahalli; South 2-2, Central Jail Road, Koodlu; South West 2, Dwarakanath Road, V.V. Puram; South West 5, Banagiri Nagar, Banashankari III Stage; East 1-3 Kadugodi; East 2-3, Banjara Layout, Horamavu, sub-divisions.

'Made calls to Gadkari to avenge prison officials'

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Jayesh Pujari, an undertrial at Hindalga prison in Belagavi, has confessed to making threat calls to the office of Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

He is said to have made the phone call to avenge prison officials for being strict with him and not allowing him more freedom in jail, prison sources said.

The prisoner told a team of Maharashtra police officers, led by Circle Inspector Shilpa Yamagar, that he had called the Minister's office in Nagpur three times on January 14. He identified himself as an associate of gangster Dawood Ibrahim who is believed to be hiding in Pakistan. He threatened to chase the Minister and bomb him, if he does not transfer ₹100 crore through a phone number that he shared with his staff. The accused is also facing the charge of making similar phone calls to Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) Alok Kumar in the past.

The Maharashtra team, in association with the local police and prison officers, searched the cell of the prisoner and nearby areas. They found a diary containing phone numbers of VIPs. The accused refused to reveal how he obtained the mobile phone numbers, officials said. The State government has ordered an inquiry into the incident. "We have issued notices to all officers on duty and told them to find out how the prisoner got access to a mobile phone and SIM card," Jail Superintendent Krishna Kumar said.

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Invitation of Tender

Supply Of Medical Equipment and Other Items For General Hospital Chikkanayakanahalli.
The Tender Schedule is as follows under the E-procurement System
Details & Date: 1. Start Date and time for Submitting Tenders: **13.01.2023** Time.11:30 am, **2.** Last Date and time for Submitting Tenders: **23.01.2023** Time.17:30 pm, **3.** Teehnical Bid Opening Date and time **30.01.2023,** Time.10:30 am, **4. Tender Opening Authority :** District Health & Family Welfare Officer Tumkur, **5. E.M.D Value :** 1.20Lakhs, 6. **Tender Value:** 60.36Lakhs. For more Information Contact No.0816-2278387
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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement)
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)
KPTCL invites bids for the following works coming under jurisdiction of TL&SSM Division, KPTCL, Bagalkot in Bagalkot Transmission (W&M) Circle on **Total Turnkey Basis.**
1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/BGK/SEE/22-23/CAP_BANK/SHIROL/CALL-3 for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection including Testing and Commissioning for the work of providing 12.1kV, 2.9MVAR Capacitor Bank for 11kV Bank-III at **110kV Sub-station Shirol** in Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District.
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5) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/BGK/SEE/22-23/CAP_BANK/RANBLGLI/CALL-3 for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection including Testing and Commissioning for the work of providing 12.1kV, 2.9MVAR Capacitor Bank for 11kV Bank-III at **110kV Sub-station Ranna Belagali** in Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District.
The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **18.01.2023**
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No. DMG-17044/32/2022/2022-23 **Date: 17.01.2023**
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NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for iron ore mineral blocks"
In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, the Government of Karnataka is conducting auction of Mining Lease for the following iron ore blocks.

S. No.	Name of the block	District	Mineral	Concession Area (in Ha.)	Estimated Resources (in MMT)	Tender fee
1.	Somanahalli Block	Tumakuru	Iron ore	190.13	26.34	INR 5,00,000/- + 18% GST
2.	Block No. 04 (H.R Gaviappa - 2483)	Ballari	Iron ore	40.04	05.32	INR 5,00,000/- + 18% GST
3.	Jaisinghpura South Block	Ballari	Iron ore	297.38	32.08	INR 5,00,000/- + 18% GST
4.	Jaisinghpura North Block	Ballari	Iron ore	298.59	17.66	INR 5,00,000/- + 18% GST
5.	Vyasanakere Iron Ore Mine	Vijayanagara	Iron ore	405.40	27.22	INR 5,00,000/- + 18% GST

Any person, firm or company who satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate in the auction. Technical and financial bids for the above listed block are invited online. Apart from the online Technical Bids, bidders will have to submit duly executed original physical copies of their Technical Bids to the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka.
Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd **(http://www.mstcecommerce .com/ auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp)**.
Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and summary of the block shall be available free of cost at the website of MSTC Limited **(http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ mlcl/index.jsp)**. For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the block specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd as per the fees mentioned in the table for each block.
The GST at the rate of 18% on the purchase of tender document shall be applicable. The GST applicable is to be paid by the prospective bidder itself. The prospective bidder shall be solely responsible for remitting the GST as per applicable law and statutory liability in this regard will be responsibility of prospective bidder and no liability whatsoever shall be borne by the DMG Karnataka /MSTC.
The sale of tender document shall commence from **18 January 2023**. Last date for sale of tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd is **23 February 2023**. Last date for submission of Technical Bids plus the Initial Price Offers at the website of MSTC Ltd is **27 February 2023** (upto 17:00 hours IST). Physical copies of the Technical Bids must reach the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka by **17:00 hours IST on 27 February 2023.**
Sd/-
Director
DIPR/CP/4127/Zenkar/2022-23

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY
7th Floor, MSIL House, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru – 560052
Ph : 080-22371120, Email: rscdirector@yahoo.in
No. KSRSA/Tender-02/SR-08/2022-23 **Date: 17-01-2023**

SHORT-TERM RE-TENDER
Karnataka State Road Safety Authority invites tender for the supply, installation and maintenance of Alcometers (Breathe Alcohol Analyzer) to Transport department, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)-Bengaluru, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) - Bengaluru, Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) - Kalaburagi, North-West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) – Hubballi by interested firm/organisation.
Following are the Events of Bid process:

1	**Tender Reference No:**	**No: TD/2022-23/IND30**
2	Date of Commencement of Download of Document from eProcurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**	**From 17/01/2023 onwards**
3	Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in e-Procurement Portal	**18/01/2023 up to 17:00 hrs.**
4	Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting	**18/01/2023 at 11:30 hrs.** at the following venue: Karnataka State Road Safety Authority, 7th floor, MSIL Building, Cunningham Road, Bangalore 560 052 Ph:080-22371120
5	Last Date and Time for uploading of tender in the e-procurement portal	**24/01/2023 up to 17:00 hrs.**
6	Date and Time of Online Opening of technical bids	**25/01/2023 17:05 hrs.**
7	Date & Time of demonstration of LMV Simulator	**Shall be intimated after technical bid opening**
8	Address for Communication	Karnataka State Road Safety Authority 7th floor, MSIL Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru -560 052 Ph:080-22371120. Email id: rscdirector@yahoo.in

Tender documents may be downloaded from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
Sd/- Additional Commissioner and Member Secretary
Karnataka State Road Safety Authority, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/4148/Zen/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL SBC O&M Division Khanapur.
Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgiri Email Id: kbjnleesbc2@gmail.com
NO. KBJNL/SBC/O&M/Divn/Kpur/PB/2021-22/690 Date:12-01-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur. Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgir invites short term percentage tenders in two Cover system from the eligible Contractors above for work mentioned in the table below.
The blank tenders can be obtained through www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box.
STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORKS PUT TO E- TENDERING
1) Work details: Indent No. 21926, 21925 & 21923 2) Amount Put to tender: Max Amount Rs.175.75 Lakhs & Min Amount Rs. 109.47 Lakhs. 3) E.M.D amount put to tender: Max Amount Rs.3.11 Lakhs & Min Amount Rs. 1.94 Lakhs. 4)The contractor can have access to the electronic document, i.e Tender Schedules, bid documents and other documents in the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of tender processing fee (non-refundable): From 17.01.2023 at 11:00AM 5) The last date & time for submission of electronic documents through e-portal: 31.01.2023 upto 17:30PM 6).Date & time for opening of electronic document first (Technical bid): 02.02.2023 @11.00AM 7) The electronic document second (financial bid) of pre-qualified contractor will opened on: 09.02.2023 @ 11.00AM or After approval of Technical bid. 8).For more information contact details: Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, SBC O&M Division, Khanapur of Shahapur Taluka, Yadgir Dist. 8) Website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
NOTE: - Further information may be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours or from http:www.eprocurement.Karnataka.gov.in.
SD/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, SBC O&M Division,
Khanapur.
DIP/Yadagiri/417/K.S.M.C&A 2022-23

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).
No./KNNL/HBC/PB/TND/2022-23/ 3938 Date: 16.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)
Percentage tenders are invited as per KW-4 in Two cover system for below mentioned and System for from eligible tenderers, for the works detailed below by the undersigned.
On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Division Athani, invites percentage basis tender from interested, experienced and resourceful civil contractors from KPWD Class II Above Contractors who fulfill the pre-qualification criteria for the bellow mentioned work.
The two cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed The bidders are requested to submit their bids in two cover system including EMD in e-cash. The first cover (Technical Bid) should contain the documents as mentioned in Para 4, The second cover shall contain the financial bid. The cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened first. Thereafter cover-II (financial bid) of only those bidders who have fulfill the conditions contained in Para.4 will be opened.
The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender only.
The approximate estimated cost of work is Rs. 418,69 Lakhs
1:The contractor can request for e-tendering documents: From 18.01.2023 @ 10.30 AM to 25.01.2023. upto 4.00 PM, 2:Last date & time for tender queries:24.01.2023 upto 4.00 PM, 3:Pre bid meeting will be held in the office of the EE HBC Division Athani :23.01.2023 at 11.00 AM.4:Submission of completed e-tendering document:From 18.01.2023 @ 10.30 AM to 25.01.2023. upto 4.00 PM,5:Opening of Technical Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani :30.01.2023 @ 11.00 AM, 6:Opening of Financial Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani: 03.02.2023 @ 11.00 AM (Or after Approval of Technical Bid), 7:Date for Producing original document @ EE KNNL HBC Division Athai:31.01.2023 @ 11.00 AM
Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867
Sd/-S.G.Srinath,
Executive Engineer, KNNL HBC Division, Athani
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1557/MCA/2022-23

INBRIEF

Suspecting illicit affair, man kills wife

The Sudduguntepalya police are on a massive manhunt for a computer technician who is on the run after allegedly strangulating his wife to death over suspected illicit affair.

The accused, Nasir Hussain, said to be from Kolkata, had sent a message to the brother of the victim, informing him about the murder and asking him to collect the body from the apartment where the couple lived.

Nasir married Naz Khanum, 22, from Taverekere, six months ago, the police said. They said the victim's family did not know much about the accused and consented as it was a love marriage. The accused used to suspect Naz was having an affair with her brother-in-law and fight with her frequently.

On Tuesday, Nasir planned to kill her and booked a flight ticket to Delhi before. After killing her and locking the door, he hired a taxi and paid the driver extra online and got change in the form of cash before boarding the flight.

He informed Naz's brother via a message that he killed her due to suspected illicit affair and switched off his phone . The family rushed to the apartment to see Naz dead.

The Sudduguntepalya police have formed a special team to track down the accused.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (January 18, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- India's new proposal for migrant voting
  bit.ly/newvotingmachine

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Another sinkhole appears, this time in Mahalakshmi Layout

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board's water pipe leakage caused the sinkhole, say BBMP officials; BWSSB official says they are investigating the exact cause

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days after a massive sinkhole appeared on Brigade Road in the Central Business District (CBD), another one appeared on Tuesday in Mahalakshmi Layout in West Bengaluru following a water pipe leakage.

The sinkhole appeared near Sapthagiri Kalyana Mantapa, according to officials from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The officials said that the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board's (BWSSB) water pipe leakage caused the sinkhole at around 11 a.m.

The local traffic police put barricades and directed vehicles to take alternative roads. BBMP officials said that the BWSSB has taken up repair work. "The sinkhole appeared after the water started leaking from BWSSB pipes and the soil became loose," a BBMP official added.

The sinkhole that appeared near Sapthagiri Kalyana Mantapa in Mahalakshmi Layout on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A BWSSB official said they are investigating the exact cause. "Preliminary investigation reveals that overload on the road might have caused damage to water pipes. We are replacing the pipeline and the sinkhole will be closed safely," the BWSSB official said.

On January 12, a motorist fell and suffered minor injuries when a sinkhole appeared near Shoolay Circle on Brigade Road. The BBMP blamed Namma Metro tunnelling work, which is under way below the road, for the sinkhole. The BMRCL filled up the sinkhole with concrete in the evening. However, BMRCL insisted that underground tunnelling work was not responsible for it.

'Providing affordable cancer treatment in India paramount'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Renowned cancer physician and author Siddhartha Mukherjee on Tuesday said one of the very important goals for him and his team is to make Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy affordable in India. He was delivering the 9th David A. Hungerford Memorial lecture on 'Beyond the Cancer Genome' on Tuesday.

Mr. Mukherjee, who is a cancer physician at Columbia University, along with Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and 5AM Ventures managing partner Kush Paramar, has co-funded Bengaluru-based start-up Immuneel Therapeutics Pvt. Ltd. It is developing CAR-T cell therapy for lymphomas and leukemia (heme malignancies).

CAR-T cell therapy is a cancer treatment in which a patient's T cells (a type of immune system cell) are changed in the laboratory so they will target the cancer cells.

The Indian context

"One very important goal for us is to reduce the cost for CAR-T therapy. In the US, it (CAR-T therapy) could cost $4,50,000 and this is usually after two rounds of chemotherapy, so we are talking about $6,00,000 to $7,00,000. Plus, there is induction therapy, hospitalisation etc. so the numbers (cost of treatment) could approach $1 million. This is completely not feasible in the Indian context. So, we have used every bit of Indian engineering and ingenuity in developing our CAR-T's and make it affordable," Mr. Mukherjee said.

In December 2022, Immuneel Therapeutics Pvt. Ltd. said that its CAR-T cell therapy reports have yielded positive results in the trial phases. "The early results reported results from the first 10 patients of the planned 24 patients to be enrolled. Both adult and children with acute leukemia as well as lymphoma patients post median 2 lines of treatment, including in post-transplant setting were enrolled. 80% of patients experienced complete clinical response at Day 28," it said about the results.

Three killed in separate accidents

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 37-year-old metro contract employee was killed when a speeding goods vehicle knocked him down on Banasawadi Outer Ring Road on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Guddu Manji, a native of Bihar who was cleaning and repairing metro barricades near Motherhood Hospital around 4.30 a.m. The police said the driver of the goods vehicle drove in a rash and negligent manner and knocked him down. Manji sustained severe injuries and was rushed to a private hospital where he succumbed later.

The Banaswadi traffic police registered case of death due to negligence against the driver and seized the vehicle for further investigations.

In another accident, two people were killed and a woman was injured when a speeding goods vehicle knocked down two two-wheelers on Anjanananagar, Magadi Road on Monday night.

The deceased have been identified as Ravi Kumar Yadav, 28, and Vikas Kumar, 20, who were riding a motorcycle while Bhavani Singh, 39, who was riding a scooter, was injured. According to the police, Ravi Kumar and Vikas were friends who used to work in a car showroom and residing at a rented house in Sunkadakatte.

The victims were heading to Sunkadakatte from Byadarahalli when the goods vehicle knocked them down.

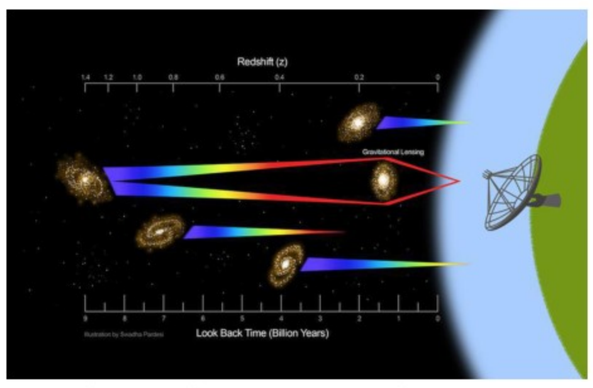
The truck driver, identified as Syed Zameer, has been booked for death due to negligence.

Canadian and IISc astronomers detect radio signal in extremely distant galaxy using giant telescope

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Astronomers from McGill University in Canada and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru have used data from the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) in Pune to detect a radio signal originating from atomic hydrogen in an extremely distant galaxy.

"The astronomical distance over which such a signal has been picked up is the largest so far. This is also the first confirmed detection of strong lensing of 21 cm emission from a galaxy," IISc said. The findings have been published in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*.



Images of detection of radio signal originating from atomic hydrogen in an extremely distant galaxy. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Using GMRT data, Arnab Chakraborty, postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Physics and Trottier Space Institute of McGill University, and Nirupam Roy, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, IISc, have detected a radio signal from atomic hydrogen in a distant galaxy at redshift z=1.29.

"Due to the immense distance to the galaxy, the 21 cm emission line had redshifted to 48 cm by the time the signal travelled from the source to the telescope," said Mr. Chakraborty.

The signal detected by the team was emitted from this galaxy when the universe was only 4.9 billion years old; in other words, the look-back time for this source is 8.8 billion years.

"This detection was made possible by a phenomenon called gravitational lensing, in which the light emitted by the source is bent due to the presence of another massive body, such as an early type elliptical galaxy, between the target galaxy and the observer, effectively resulting in the magnification of the signal. In this specific case, the magnification of the signal was about a factor of 30, allowing us to see through the high redshift universe," said Prof. Roy.

The team also observed that the atomic hydrogen mass of this particular galaxy is almost twice as high as its stellar mass. These results demonstrate the feasibility of observing atomic gas from galaxies at cosmological distances in similar lensed systems with a modest amount of observing time. It also opens up exciting new possibilities for probing the cosmic evolution of neutral gas with existing and upcoming low-frequency radio telescopes in the near future.

Yashwant Gupta, Center Director at NCRA, said, "Detecting neutral hydrogen in emission from the distant Universe is extremely challenging and has been one of the key science goals of GMRT."

The research was funded by McGill and IISc.

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF **MAVERIX PLATFORMS PRIVATE LIMITED** WITH **CUREFOODS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED** AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS
CP (CAA) No. 57/BB/2022
C/W
CA (CAA) No. 43 /BB/ 2022
MAVERIX PLATFORMS PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: **U74120KA2015PTC158704**
Registered Office:
Municipal No.3 (P.I.D. No. 65 – 128 -03)
2nd Cross, N.S. Palya
BTM Layout, 2nd Stage
Bannerghatta Road
Bengaluru – 560 076
... PETITIONER COMPANY NO.1/ TRANSFEROR COMPANY
CUREFOODS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: **U55209KA2020PTC139614**
Registered Office:
No. 72/4,Roopena Agrahara
Hosur Road, Madiwala Post
Bengaluru - 560 068
.... PETITIONER COMPANY NO.2/ TRANSFEREE COMPANY

NOTICE

A Petition under Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation of Maverix Platforms Private Limited (Transferor Company) with Curefoods India Private Limited (Transferee Company) and their respective shareholders was presented by the Petitioner Companies on 22.11.2022 and the said Petition came up for admission on 09.01.2023 and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on 27.02.2023.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's advocate at the address mentioned below, notice of such intention, in writing, signed by him/her or his/her advocate, with his/her full name and address, to reach the Petitioner's Advocate, not later than two (2) days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same, on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Date: 18.01.2023
Place: Bengaluru

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN **AZIM PREMJI TRUST SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED** AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS
CP (CAA) NO. 52/BB/2022
CONNECTED WITH
CA (CAA) NO. 34/BB/2022
AZIM PREMJI TRUST SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U74900KA2010PTC054356
Registered Office: #574
Next to Wipro Corporate Office
Doddakannelli, Sarjapur Road
Bengaluru - 560 035.
..... PETITIONER COMPANY

NOTICE

A Petition under section 230 read with section 18 and section 66 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement between Azim Premji Trust Services Private Limited and their respective shareholders was presented by the Petitioner Company on 16.11.2022 and the said Petition came up for admission on 03.01.2023 and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on 15.02.2023.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's advocate at the address mentioned below, notice of such intention, in writing, signed by him/her or his/her advocate, with his/her full name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocate, not later than two (2) days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same, on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN **AZIM PREMJI TRUSTEE COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED** AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS
CP (CAA) NO. 51/BB/2022
CONNECTED WITH
CA (CAA) NO. 33/BB/2022
AZIM PREMJI TRUSTEE COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U74999KA2009PTC051742
Registered Office: #134
Next to Wipro Corporate Office
Doddakannelli, Sarjapur Road
Bengaluru - 560 035.
..... PETITIONER COMPANY

NOTICE

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION BIDAR DISTRICT BIDAR

No:DPI/2022-23/IND Date: 16/01/2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER

PROVIDING SMART CLASS FACILITIES TO 10th std IN 11 GOVT HIGH SCHOOLS OF BIDAR TALUKA DIST: BIDAR

TENDER TIME TABLE: 1) Tender Amount: Rs: 59.00 lakhs, 2) Last Date & Time for submitting Tender Document on or before. Date:23/01/2023 Time: 5.30 PM, 3) Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid: Date:25/01/2023 Time:11.00AM, 4) Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid Date:30/01/2023 Time:11.00 AM, 5) E.M.D: Rs:118000/-, 6) Contact No: 9448999330, 7) Website address: http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/Bidar/418/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Deputy Director
Of Public Instruction, Bidar Dist.Bidar.

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ-561 203
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 080-29562046

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DPA/TP/CLU/38/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.01.2023

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 14(ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ' ದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ'ಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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ಪರಾ :-

ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಸ್ವಯಂ ಇಚ್ಛೆಸಿದ್ದು, ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜಿತ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ವಸತಿ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗವಕಾಶ ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶ ಅಡಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ, **ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ' ದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ'ಕ್ಕೆ** ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ

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ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BELLARY
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary,
No. EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/Diff. heads/TDR/2022-23/1550
Dt. 11-01-2023.

Tender Notification (Through E-portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 04 work comprising of approved Building work under DMF Grant, MLA scheme, Grama Vikas Yojane through e-procurement portal. Contractors are required to submit the tender before 25-01-2023 at 4.00 PM by uploading the relevant documents through e-procurement portal website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index.seam by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from 12-01-2023 to 25-01-2023 at 4.00 PM. Tenders will be opened through e-proc portal on 27-01-2023 at 5.00 PM. Any changes in the notification will be published in e-procurement website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/820/MCA/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ-44/ಎಇ-2/2022-23/3047 ದಿನಾಂಕ:- 16.01.2022

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ-3ನೇ ಕರೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕಾಅ/ದಾವಿದಾ/ಐ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ-44/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.01.2023.

ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ-2000ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ- 4 ರಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಲೇಬೆನ್ನೂರು-ವೈಎನ್ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಕಿ.ಮೀ. 3.00 ರಿಂದ 4.00 ಮತ್ತು 6.00 ರಿಂದ 8.30ರವರೆಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. (160603) ರೂ. 396.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು 2) ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಮಲೆಬೆನ್ನೂರಿನಿಂದ ಗೋವಿನಹಾಳ್ ರಸ್ತೆ (ಹಿಂಡಸಘಟ್ಟೆ ಮೂಲಕ) ಕಿ.ಮೀ. 0.00 ರಿಂದ 8.00ರವರೆಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. (160467), ರೂ. 400.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 27.01.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 30.01.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ (ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 08192 234951, 231530) ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
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INBRIEF

Proposal on police uniform gets State's in-principle nod

Karnataka has given in-principal consent for the one-nation, one-uniform system of the Centre for the police. The Centre had sought the views of the State on the idea of bringing about one-nation-one-uniform system for the police of all states.

Following this, the State Home Department had moved a proposal for which Home Minister Araga Jnanendra gave an in-principle approval, according to an official communique.

MP donates tuberculosis diagnosis machines

Rajya Sabha member Lahar Singh Siroya donated a CBNAAT machine and a mobile hand-held X-Ray machine to Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram BBMP Referral Hospital at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru from his MPLAD funds on Tuesday.

These two machines worth ₹50 lakh will help in diagnosis of tuberculosis patients were inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Siroya and MLA for Chamarajpet Zameer Ahmed Khan is a function.

The CBNAAT machine provides results within two hours and the mobile X-ray machine will aid in testing communities located in remote areas which have low access to health facilities.

Teacher transfer at the end of the year is not right: PAFRE

People's Alliance for Fundamental Rights to Education-Karnataka (PAFRE) has slammed the Department of School Education and Literacy's move on transferring over 10,500 'excess' teachers at the end of the academic year.

In a release PAFRE said, "Schools are at the end of the 2022-23 academic year, when teachers have completed the prescribed curriculum, completed evaluation through continuous and extensive assessment, and are reviewing children's learning. At this point, it is an unscientific method of teachers transfer."

They pointed out in the release that January, February and March are an important learning period. At this point, transfers affect the learning process directly.

"The government should stop this transfer process. Instead, the government should be given subject-wise class-wise teacher posts to strengthen the government schools," the organisation demanded.

HC permits govt. to use Balabrooie guest house for Constitutional Club

Permission was given after govt.'s assurance that no trees would be cut and no structural change would be made to the 172-year-old building

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday permitted the State government to use Balabrooie guest house to set up the proposed Constitutional Club, a recreational facility for legislators, after the government gave it an undertaking that neither any structural changes would be made to the 172-year-old building nor any trees in the premises would cut or damaged.

The Balabrooie guest house in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Modified interim order

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order while modifying the interim order passed on October 7, 2021, in which the court had directed the authorities to maintain the status quo on the nature of use of Balabrooie guest house. Also, the court had earlier restrained the government from handing over the guest house to any organisation felling or trimming trees in and around the guest house premises without prior permission of the court.

However, the government on Tuesday, filed an application before the HC seeking modification of the earlier interim order to permit it to carry out the maintenance works of the building and to make only aesthetic changes to the interiors for using the building for Constitutional Club instead of a guest house.

Interior aesthetic changes

The government also made it clear to the court that only the interior aesthetic changes would be carried without making any structural changes to either the interiors or the exteriors of the existing building.

Accepting the government's undertaking, the Bench made it clear that no trees could be either cut or damaged in the premises and no structural change to the building would be permitted.

The court on October 2021 had passed the interim order an interlocutory application filed by Dattatraya T. Devare in a PIL filed by himself and the Bangalore Environmental Trust in 2018 on non-implementation of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976.

Over 100 years old

The petitioners had expressed apprehension about possibility of cutting several heritage trees, aged more than 100 years, existing on the guest house campus if the premises were converted into a club by taking up construction activities for housing the proposed club.

Meanwhile, the advocate for the petitioners on Tuesday made it clear to the Bench that the petitioners had no objection to using the guest house building for housing the proposed Constitutional Club provided that no damage was caused to the heritage building or the heritage trees.

Mysuru police hand over 'Santro' Ravi case file to CID

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Mysuru police have handed over the case file pertaining to the investigation against the alleged racketeer 'Santro' Ravi to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) following directions from the State government.

Mysuru City Police Commissioner Ramesh B. told reporters that the case file on 'Santro' Ravi, who was arrested by the city police in Gujarat last Friday, has been handed over to the CID.

The alleged racketeer and two of his associates, who were arrested from Ahmedabad, were produced before the court, which has remanded them in judicial custody till January 25. The CID team arrived in Mysuru on Monday night.

Meanwhile, the CID has moved an application seeking 'Santro' Ravi's custody for further interrogation, he added.

Responding to queries, Mr. Ramesh said the city police had received directions to hand over the case related to the FIR lodged in Vijayangar police station by a woman against 'Santro' Ravi to the CID.

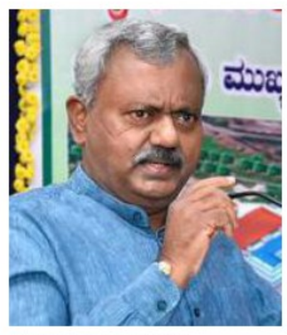
When his attention was drawn to the opposition from 'Santro' Ravi's lawyer to handing over the case to CID as it did not have the necessary 'ingredients' for such a probe, Mr. Ramesh said any case can be entrusted to the CID. "Any case can be handed over to the CID for a comprehensive inquiry. There are no restrictions," he said.

'Santro' Ravi has been in the eye of a storm over his alleged role in police transfers and links to several ruling party politicians. He is an accused in a rape and atrocity case registered against him by his wife at Vijayanagar police station, Mysuru, on January 2, and was on the run since then, until he was apprehended in Gujarat. His wife alleged that she was drugged, raped, and forced into marriage in 2019. When she tried to get away from him, he got her arrested in a fake dacoity case in November 2022, she alleged. Meanwhile, his alleged political connections and role in police transfers had turned into an embarrassment for the governmen.

State to recommend CBI probe into bank irregularities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Cooperation Minister S.T. Somashekhar on Tuesday announced that the State government would recommend to the Centre to order a CBI probe into irregularities in the functioning of Gururaghavendra Cooperative Bank and Vashishta Souhardha Bank.



Cooperation Minister S.T. Somashekhar

Meeting on irregularities

He made the announcement during a meeting in Bengaluru to examine the issues related to irregularities in the banks and their revival. The Minister said the government was ready to refer similar irregularities, if any in other banks, also to the CBI. He asked the officials concerned to prepare a proposal on this. The Minister said he would bring the proposal on seeking CBI probe into irregularities in the banks before the meeting of the State Cabinet soon.

He expressing concern over loans disbursed by these banks yet to be recovered though three years had lapsed since a probe had been taken up into the irregularities. The depositors of these banks were levelling allegations against the Government, and hence, the episode would be referred to the CBI to protect the interests of depositors, he said.

To instil confidence

The officials who were presently conducting a probe were efficient and there was no question of protecting anyone involved in irregularities, he said. However, the episode was being handed over to the CBI as a probe by a high-level body like CBI would instil confidence among investors, he said.

The Minister's remarks were endorsed by MLAs Ravi Subramanya, Sowmya Reddy and MLC U.B. Venkatesh, who were also present at the meeting, stated an official communique.

'Bommai has not read Evidence Act'

Congress leader Siddaramaiah at a public meeting at Hosapete in Vijayanagara district on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Referring to the bribery allegations made against BJP legislator G.H. Tippareddy by Karnataka State Contractors' Association's working president R. Manjunath, former Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah said that it appears like Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has not read the Evidence Act.

"The Working President of Contractors' Association clearly said that Mr. Tippareddy, MLA for Chitradurga, had received a bribe. He has also given the audio recording to support his allegations. What more evidence does Mr. Bommai need to order for an enquiry? I think he has not read the Evidence Act," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

He was addressing a public meeting, Praja Dhwani, at Dr. Puneet Rajkumar Stadium in Hosapete, Vijayanagara district, on Tuesday.

"Your father [former Chief Minister S.R. Bommai] was a lawyer. You are not a lawyer. You are a BE graduate. You don't know the Evidence Act," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar alleged that the BJP government in the State was filing B Reports to save the culprits of its party and supports. "Misusing the office of the Governor, the BJP government has filed 'B' reports to in many cases to safeguard the culprits that it had nurtured. If Congress comes to power, we will order for re-enquiry into all the cases in which the 'B' reports have been filed," he said.

Maharashtra MP Dhairyasheel Mane barred from visiting Belagavi

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Belagavi district administration has barred Dhairyasheel Mane, Shiv Sena MP from Maharashtra, from visiting Belagavi. This was to stop him from participating in a Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) event and negate the possibility of him making provocative speeches. On January 17, Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil, issued prohibitory orders under criminal procedure code section 144.

The order follows a letter from Belagavi Police Commissioner M.B. Boralingaiah that Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) leader Prakash Margale and others had invited Mr. Mane to the martyr's day event, in which around 300 persons were expected to participate.

The order cites disturbances in Belagavi following speeches by some leaders and some miscreants in Kolhapur in 2022. It also cites the case pending in the Supreme Court about the border row and appeals by local organisations against the visit.

BJP high command prepares road map for poll preparations in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP Central leadership is believed to have created a road map for the party's preparations for the forthcoming Assembly elections in Karnataka in consultation with prominent State leaders who attended the national executive in New Delhi.

Sources in the party said that contours of the road map took shape at a high level meeting held by the party's key strategist Amit Shah with veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and State President Nalin Kumar Kateel. Mr. Shah, who initiated the process of the party's strategic preparations on ground from the Vokkaliga heartland in Old Mysore region, is expected to visit the State again this month-end to review the implementation of various strategic measures suggested by him.

B.S. Yeddiyurappa

Basavaraj Bommai

The party central leadership is said to be keen that its State unit goes ahead with poll preparations in a systematic and strategic manner to retain power as none of the ruling parties have won the elections in the last 37 years in Karnataka. The party central leaders are believed to be closely monitoring the strategies being adopted by the Opposition Congress that roped in AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi to announce the pre-poll promise of providing ₹2,000 a month to women heads of households.

According to sources, the BJP high command is not leaving anything to chance and has adopted a multi-pronged approach of micro-management at the grassroot level through strengthening of booth committees and grassroots level and pushing through its Hindutva ideology at the macro level. This is in addition to the efforts towards wooing various communities through social engineering of revising reservation status and its time-tested strategy of wooing leaders from other parties.

Rath yatras in four directions

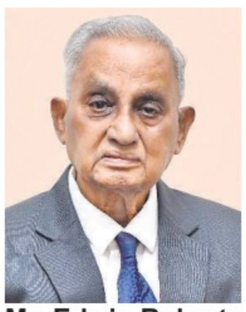
Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said that the party would take out rath yatras from all the four directions in the State soon after the Budget session of the State legislature. According to him, details of the programme are yet to be worked out. The party has been preparing for these rath yatras which are part of the efforts to create awareness about the performance of the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre and the BJP government at the State besides measures being taken to implement the party's core ideology.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary

"I've fought a good fight, I've finished my course, I've kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness ....."
- II Timothy 4:7 & 8



Mr. Edwin Roberts
26/06/1931 – 18/01/2022

In fond remembrance of our Loving & Disciplined father, Edwin Roberts.

We praise and thank God for granting him full life which is a blessing to all of us. He groomed us to what we are today

Children,
Grandchildren & Family

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

DOB: 23.08.1937 DOD: 18.01.2022

Sri.C.KRISHNAMURTHY
Retd. Senior Audit Officer AG'S Office
"You left us this day an year back...Not a single day goes without thinking of you... Missing you Appa".
Fondly Remembered by
Wife : Bama
Sons : Suriyanarayanan, Karthik Narayanan
Daughters in Law : Prabha, Dr.Sitalakshmi
Grand Daughters : Dr.Sandhya Varshini, Lasya Priya, Haripriya, Friends & Families.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

N.S. SREENIVASAN
18.12.1933 - 18.01.2008
Ex. SQC ISI, &
Ex. GM.IDL.Ind. Hyd.
He touched many lives in his own way. Restless till goal was achieved.
Although 15 years are over since he left us, his memories remain fresh in our heart.
He lives with us for ever.
V. Narayana,
His Boy Hood Friend &
One with his family

INBRIEF

Two spectators gored to death at separate events

Two spectators were gored to death in *manjuvirattu* events held in Pudukottai and Sivaganga districts of Tamil Nadu on Tuesday. The deceased were identified as Ganesan, 50, of Puduvayal in Sivaganga district, and S. Boominathan, 52, of Sukkampatti in Madurai district. With this, the toll in this year's jallikattu and *manjuvirattu* events has risen to four. Ganesan was killed during the *manjuvirattu* held at K. Rayavaram in Pudukottai district. Boominathan was gored to death when he was watching the *manjuvirattu* held at Siravayal near Tirupattur in Sivaganga district.

All set for BRS maiden public meeting in Telangana

Khammam is all set to host the maiden public meeting of the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) in Telangana on Wednesday with the fort city swathed in pink colour, the colour of BRS's flag. Senior leaders of the CPI, the CPI(M), Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and U.P. former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav are scheduled to attend it.

'Suspension of sentence of ex-MP will send wrong signal'

The Lakshadweep administration has opposed the plea of former MP Mohammed Faizal against his conviction in an attempt to murder case, arguing that suspension of the sentence and annulling of the conviction will shake the faith of people in the judicial process. S. Manu, Special Prosecutor and Deputy Solicitor General of India, said the convicts had tried to exert undue influence in the electoral process and intended to physically harm political opponents.

A.P. moves SC to get nod for ban on public rallies

If HC stay on G.O. is not vacated, it may lead to recurrence of incidents such as recent stampede in Nellore; meetings also imposed a burden on public infrastructure, the State tells apex court

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

The Andhra Pradesh government on Tuesday filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court challenging the suspension of G.O. Rt. No.1 dated January 2, 2023, by the State High Court. It said if the stay on the operation of the G.O. was not vacated, political rallies, road-shows, processions and large-scale meetings would be held without any regulatory oversight. It may lead to the recurrence of incidents such as the recent stampede at Kandukur in Nellore district in which eight people died.

The State said it was duty-bound to take measures required to avoid such loss of life, and that the meetings also imposed a burden on public infrastructure and caused major inconvenience to the citizens.

Further, it was argued by the State that the High Court was unduly swayed by the respondent's (CPI State secretary K. Ramakrishna) contention that the impugned G.O. acted like a blanket ban on public meetings / assemblies.

Stiff opposition: A file photo of activists staging a protest, demanding the scrapping of G.O. No. 1, in Visakhapatnam. V. RAJU

In fact, the language in the G.O. merely advised the police to refrain from granting permission for public assemblies such as political rallies on public roads and road margins, unless exceptional circumstances were proved in the application for permission.

The government contended that the High Court had erred in failing to note that Section 30 of the Police Act, 1861, itself allowed the State to set up a procedure for permitting public meetings on the basis of applications filed by the organisers. Thus, there could be no question of the G.O. being ultra vires Section 30 of the Police Act, let alone Articles 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(b), it was asserted.

Kerala HC to implead Sub-Collector, poll panel in missing ballot box case

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has ordered to implead the Election Commission of India and the Perinthalmanna Sub-Collector in an election petition challenging the election of Indian Union Muslim League leader Najeeb Kanthapuram from the Perinthalmanna Assembly constituency.

The court expressed concern over the missing of a box of uncounted ballots kept in safe custody.

Mr. Najeeb defeated his rival K.P.M. Mustafa of the Left Democratic Front by a slender margin of 38 votes in the 2021 Assembly polls.

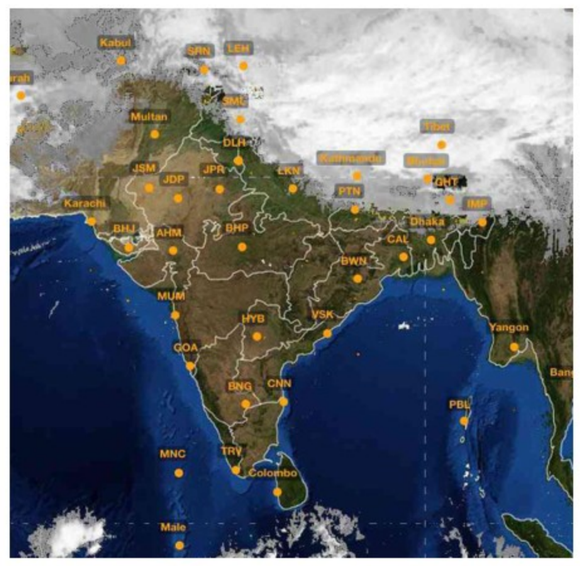
The High Court had earlier rejected a plea of Mr. Najeeb seeking to dismiss the election petition of Mr. Mustafa. The ballot box, which went missing from the strongroom of the Perinthalmanna sub-treasury, was later found in the office of the Joint Registrar of the Cooperative Department at the Civil Station, Malappuram.

As many as 348 special postal votes polled by voters above 80 years of age and the physically challenged had not been counted as the cover containing the ballots did not have the seal and signature of the polling official. These votes were later declared invalid. Mr. Mustafa moved the election petition arguing that he would have won the election if the votes were counted.

The judge directed that the box shall be kept in the safe custody of the court. The court will consider the case on January 31.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Cold wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Sikkim, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	23.5	12.1	Kozhikode	—	34.0	22.6
Ahmedabad	—	26.2	9.7	Kurnool	—	33.0	16.4
Aizawl	—	—	7.1	Lucknow	—	19.2	5.5
Allahabad	—	22.0	5.2	Madurai	—	32.0	18.5
Bengaluru	—	30.0	14.7	Mangaluru	—	32.3	22.0
Bhopal	—	21.0	7.6	Mumbai	—	28.8	15.2
Bhubaneswar	—	29.4	18.7	Mysuru	—	30.4	9.1
Chandigarh	—	19.1	5.5	New Delhi	—	19.7	2.4
Chennai	—	30.1	19.3	Patna	—	20.4	5.5
Coimbatore	—	30.3	19.2	Port Blair	—	30.0	20.0
Dehradun	—	18.3	6.0	Puducherry	—	31.2	18.2
Gangtok	—	10.1	5.6	Pune	—	32.6	13.4
Goa	—	30.6	19.6	Raipur	—	29.0	16.9
Guwahati	—	23.2	10.4	Ranchi	—	21.6	9.5
Hubballi	—	33.0	14.0	Shillong	—	14.8	3.5
Hyderabad	—	31.4	16.2	Shimla	—	—	2.4
Imphal	—	19.8	4.8	Srinagar	—	8.2	-2.7
Jaipur	—	20.7	5.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.2	22.6
Kochi	—	30.2	23.8	Tiruchi	—	30.1	19.1
Kohima	—	16.8	3.0	Vijayawada	—	29.6	18.6
Kolkata	—	23.3	14.4	Visakhapatnam	—	29.1	21.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.40	107	62	118	121	
Bengaluru	2	25	41	102	115	
Chennai	.23	33	38	100	84	
Delhi	.17	108	73	327	341	
Hyderabad	.18	5	81	74	82	
Kolkata	4	29	61	290	154	
Lucknow	.16	45	75	307	221	
Mumbai	.79	292	12	366	218	
Pune	—	—	—	—	—	
Visakhapatnam	—	46	68	122	116	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 410 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 30

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Bagalkot
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No: EE/PRED/BGK/PB-1/Vivek/Tender/2022-23/ Date:17.01.2023

SHORT RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System) (KW-3 Bid Document)

Tender Called for the Work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-4 through Public electronic Tendering System (E-Tender from Class-1 contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD, Who have got adequate financial resources, State of Technology, Suitable Construction equipments technical man Power & Sufficient past Experience for the following Work as per Schedule Given Below.

Tender Called for ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಿವೇಕ ಶಾಲಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಭೋದನಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ತೇರದಾಳ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಹಾಗೂ ರಬಕವಿ ಬನಹಟ್ಟಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ

Scheme Under Work Indent No: 96152/Call-2 read as below.

Calendar of Events

1	Request of blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement	Dt:17.01.2023 to 25.01.2023 at 5.30pm
2	Opening of Technical Bid Date	Dt:30.01.2023 at 11.00am
3	Opening of Financial Bid Date	Technical Bid Approved.

Note:-More details can be obtained through website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the below signed Office during the office hours. Phone no: 08354-235042

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SD/-Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bagalkot

Govt. of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT DAKSHINA KANNADA

TENDER NOTIFICATION TENDER DOCUMENT SECTION-1

FOR SUPPLY OF FOOD MATERIALS TO PRE-METRIC, POST METRIC HOSTELS COMING UNDER TALUK BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE OFFICE, SULLIA TALUK, DAKSHINA KANNADA District FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.

District Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, DAKSHINA KANNADA District hereby invites Technical & Commercial Bids from officially registered, eligible suppliers, Non-governmental organization who are registered under law, co-operative societies who are registered under Society Act to Supply food materials for **PRE-METRIC, POST METRIC HOSTELS COMING UNDER TALUK BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE OFFICE, SULLIA TALUK DAKSHINA KANNADA District** as described in the schedule of requirements.

1	Tender Reference No. and date	BCWD/VNB/CR-36/2022-23 Dt-16-01-2023.
2	Amount put to Tender	**Rs. 50,00,000/-**
3	Last date & Time for submission of Tender	**14-02-2023**
4	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid	**17-02-2023**
5	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid	**21-02-2023**
6	EMD Amount	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**
7	Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication.	DISTRICT OFFICER, BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, BEJAI-KAPIKAD, ANEGUNDI ROAD, D.K. District, Mangalore Ph:-0824-2225078

Interested eligible bidders registered in e-procurement portal can download the bid documents by visiting the web site **http://e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

(RASHMI S.R)
District Officer,
Backward Classes Welfare Department
Dakshina kannada District, Mangalore

DIPR / MNG / 1164 / MPL / 22-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನದ ಪಕ್ಕದ ಕಟ್ಟಡ,18ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 003
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ : dcfurban82@yahoo.co.in.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎ2/ಬಿಯುಡಿ/ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ/ಸಿಆರ್-114/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.01.2023

ಎರಡನೇಯಬಾರಿಗೆ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ವಾಸಸಂಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/4141/ಆಕಾರ್/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/6589 DATE: 16/01/2023

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 3 works under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements, 1 work under head of account 3054-MDR Maintenance and 1 work under head of account 8443-Deposit Contribution, Totally 5 No. of works. Amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 9.30 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 254.14 Lakhs.

Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 2 & 4:1)Pre-bid meeting date: 19-01-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-01-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 23-01-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 25-01-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System):"after approval of Technical bids"

Calendar of events for the work at Sl No. 1, 3 & 5: 1)Pre-bid meeting date: 23-01-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 25-01-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 27-01-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 30-01-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1563/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.

I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/5054 SH Impt's /2022-23/6166
Dated:17.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) for 5 works as per standard bid documents KW-4 with 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements head of account costing of amount for Rs. 995.00 Lakhs to Rs. 520.00 Lakhs respectively, the EMD amount of Rs.14,92,500.00 to 7,80,000.00 for the works. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor separately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows 1) The Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors Date-21-01-2023 @ 11.00 AM. 2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date-27-01-2023 upto 4.30 PM. 3) Opening of Technical Bid Date-30-01-2023 at 11.00 AM. 4) Opening of Financial Bid Date-31-01-2023 at 11.00 AM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Enginer,
PWD Division, Vijayapur

DIPR/VIJAYAPUR/765/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2022-23/10923 Date: 13.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids against **Enquiry No:KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/RELAY/2022-23/354/Date:10.01.2023** for **"Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supervision of Erection, Supply & Commissioning conforming to KPTCL specifications of Numerical Feeder Management breaker relays of SAS compatible required for replacement of faulty relays, Numerical Distance Protection Relays for 220kV & 66kV Lines, Numerical Differential Relays for Transformer protection including necessary software's & communication cables, all relays should be compatible to IEC61850 for 06 no's of 220kV Stations coming under Transmission Zone, Mysuru".**

The Bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement" or** to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **18.01.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 19/2022-23, Dated : 13-01-2023

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagar Invites for the **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PROVIDING PURE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY TO 166 VILLAGES (MULTI VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME) OF CHAMARAJANAGARA TALUK, CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE.** for Eligible Class-II & Above General Category Contractors having (Civil Licence PWD/PRED) are required to submit through E-Procurement portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The Notification includes **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF MULTI VILLAGE WATER SCHEME,** Estimated amount Put to tender of Cost **Rs.466.86** Lakhs. Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal Only. All rights reserved with Executive Engineer to accept or reject the tender notification. Date and Time of Publication of Tender - 16.01.2023 Onwards, Last date of Submission of bids-25.01.2023 @ 17.00 hrs, Pre Bid meeting to be held on 19.01.2023 @ 11.00 hrs Venue: Office of Superintendent Engineer, RDW&SD Circle, Mysore - 570023 or through E-mail: eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com, Time & Date of Opening of Technical Bids 27.01.2023 @ 11:00 hrs and Financial Bid - After Successful completion of Technical Bid.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Department, Chamarajanagara Division
Chamarajanagara

DIPR : CHANAGAR:543:2022-23

FORM A
Public Announcement
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF M/s.BELOORBAYIR BIOTECH LIMITED

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1.	Name of corporate debtor	**M/s. BELOORBAYIR BIOTECH LIMITED**
2.	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	02/03/2005
3.	Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registered under companies Act 1956 ROC-Bengaluru
4.	Corporate Identity No. of corporate debtor	U73100KA2005PLC035741
5.	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	**Registered Office:# 4112, Utkarsha, K R Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka 560070**
6.	Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	**17th January 2023 (Order passed by honorable NCLT Bengaluru on 15th December 2022)**
7.	Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	16th July 2023 (180 days from Insolvency Commencement Date)
8.	Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	Murali Prasad Nalam IBBI/IPA-001/IP- P00933/2017-2018/11537
9.	Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Address registered with Board: Villa 67, Road 3, Dollar Meadows, Ambitus School Road, Near DRK Engineering College, Bowrampet, Hyderabad,Telangana ,500043 Email: bbl.cirp@gmail.com
10.	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional	Address for Correspondence: Flat 109, Block B2, Sumadhura Sawan MTB, Near Euro School Whitefield, Hoodi, Mahadevapura Bangalore, 560048 Email: bbl.cirp@gmail.com
11.	Last date for submission of claims	**31st January, 2023**
12.	Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	Name the class(es): Not Applicable
13.	Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	Not Applicable
14.	(a)Relevant Forms and (b)Details of authorized representatives are available at:	Web link: https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads Physical Address: Not Applicable

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the **M/s. BELOORBAYIR BIOTECH LIMITED on 15th December 2022 [Order made available to interim resolution professional on 17th January 2023].**

The creditors of **M/s. BELOORBAYIR BIOTECH LIMITED** are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before **31st January 2023** to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Date and Place:18th January 2023, Bengaluru

Murali Prasad Nalam
Interim Resolution Professional
IBBI/IPA-001/IP- P00933/2017-2018/11537

Hold off

China must withdraw the hold on listing of four other Pakistani terrorists

India has welcomed the designation of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) deputy chief Abdur Rehman Makki as a sanctioned terrorist by the UN Security Council, after China withdrew the "technical hold" it had placed on the listing last year. Makki, the brother-in-law of 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed, is on the most wanted lists of India and the United States for terror attacks in India, and support to terrorists in Pakistan. China's hold on the Makki listing process in June was one of five holds it placed on similar proposals against other wanted LeT/Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists based in Pakistan. It had led to an angry response from New Delhi, which accused Beijing of "double standards" on terrorism and "making a mockery" of UNSC counter-terror mechanisms. In that sense, China's decision to allow the listing is a win for India: this is the first time a listing proposal where India is a co-sponsor has been allowed to go through; and it is the first time a terrorist has been listed primarily for attacks in India, particularly in Kashmir, as most others have been listed for their al-Qaeda links and for attacks in other parts of the world. It is unclear what prompted China to relent, as it has continued to hold out despite the 14 other UNSC members agreeing to the listing. In 2019, China agreed to a decade-old demand from India to list JeM chief Masood Azhar only after international outcry over the Pulwama suicide bombing. The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called the Makki listing as "conducive to enhancing international counterterrorism cooperation" and a "recognition" of Pakistan's fight against terrorism.

As India knows from experience, the designation of UNSC terrorists, who are subject to an assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo, is only one step towards bringing them to justice. Pakistan has yet to hold even one of the many terrorists on the list accountable for the major attacks they are accused of: from the 1999 IC-814 Kandahar hijacking, to the Mumbai 26/11 attacks, and Pathankot and Pulwama. New Delhi will have to persevere in its seemingly Sisyphean task of keeping the spotlight on Makki and others to ensure that Pakistan continues to feel pressure to prosecute them successfully. It is possible that the Makki designation is the result of behind-the-scenes India-China negotiations at a time the relationship is mired in issues over the LAC standoff. The test of this diplomacy will perhaps be known if and when China acts on the listings of the four other terrorists proposed, i.e., Hafiz Saeed's son Talha, 26/11 handler Sajid Mir, LeT recruiter Shahid Mehmood and Abdul Rauf Azhar (Masood Azhar's brother) wanted for the IC-814 hijacking.

A fortuitous trend

The cooling in inflation must become more broad-based for it to sustain

The last month of 2022 capped a year dominated by high inflation headlines on a seemingly amiable note. The average price rise faced by consumers during December slipped to its lowest since November 2021 at 5.7%. Data released on Monday show that wholesale inflation also fell to a 22-month-nadir of 4.95% from 5.88% in November. That December 2021 had registered a steep 14.2% wholesale price rise, exaggerated the cooling effect. Yet, this marked the seventh successive month of moderation in wholesale inflation since it hit an all-time high of 16.6% in May 2022, and the fourth straight month that retail inflation has eased from 7.4% in September 2022. Over November and December, retail inflation has stayed below the central bank's 6% threshold and wholesale price rise has been slower than consumer prices, signalling that pressures on producers to pass on higher input costs may be easing. The Government, gearing up for a pre-election Budget, the RBI, which has projected inflation to average 5.9% in the current quarter from 6.1% in October-December 2022, and consumers too, would be hoping this is a harbinger of lower prices this year.

However, these two months of milder inflation do not offer compelling comfort on this front simply because they have been disproportionately influenced by what some economists have termed an 'idiosyncratic' element – 'vegetable prices'. From about 8% inflation in October, prices for vegetables dropped 8% and 15% in November and December, respectively, as onions, tomatoes and potatoes turned cheaper. This pulled down food inflation but may not have lowered overall household expenses on food much. Inflation accelerated for the sixth straight month in the largest item of the food basket – cereals (at 13.8%, with wheat prices rising 22%). An uptick was also seen for pulses, milk, eggs, meat and fish, and spices, even as non-food items and services show stubborn price rise trends, be it clothing, footwear, personal care, household goods or health and education. Keeping volatile vegetable prices out, retail inflation in November was 7% and raced to 7.2% in December, belying the headline trend. Core inflation, which measures price rise minus food and energy, also inched up and needs attention, as reiterated by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das amid a growing clamour for pausing interest rate hikes. With the Chinese economy rebooting from a strict zero COVID policy, global commodity and oil prices may well harden again. It is too early to take the eye off the inflation problem, which continues to hurt rural demand in particular, deterring much-awaited private investment plans.

The illogical rejection of the idea of South Asia

Suhasini Haidar

It is an ill-wind that blows throughout the neighbourhood. A recent World Bank study on air pollution concludes that about two million people die prematurely in South Asia each year as particulate measure concentrations put nine South Asian cities among the world's top 10 worst affected by air pollution. The ill effects of this pollution, regardless of where it originates from, are clouding even the region's once-pristine tourist destinations.

One surprising study in Bhutan found that the average $PM_{2.5}$ concentration from 2018-2020 was three times World Health Organization-prescribed limits. Last week, the Maldives Meteorological Service warned that visibility had been reduced by 60% due to smog it has blamed on "winds from the Himalayan foothills". Not only that, it is clear from success stories in other parts of the world, including countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, European alpine nations and China, that the solution to the problems of air pollution lies in a "whole of region" approach, and is not one that any one country in the "air sheds" can resolve on its own. The report ends by asking India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and all other South Asian countries to begin talks between scientists, officials and eventually ministers and leaders to create a mechanism for the cooperative management of the six air sheds the region is made up of. That such a conversation does not exist or is even being contemplated is one more example of the rejection of the idea of South Asia that continues to bedevil a region refusing to see itself as one geographical unit. This is particularly illogical when you consider that all South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) nations are members of the Group of 77 Developing countries, which under the chairpersonship of Pakistan last year, negotiated a breakthrough at the COP27 Climate Change summit at Sharm el-Sheikh, but are unable to convene a climate change conference for themselves.

Climate crisis, Ukraine issue

The climate crisis is only one of the immediate challenges of the times where South Asia has failed to build a platform. In fact, while India and Pakistan, the chief opponents of an integrated South Asia, continue to point to past disputes as the reason to hold up South Asian summits such as SAARC, block trade, connectivity and other avenues for cooperation, the undeniable truth is that every immediate geopolitical challenge is pushing the region to work more closely together: from the climate change crisis that saw Pakistan being engulfed in floods, the Ukraine war that sent costs of procuring energy, grain, fertilizers all soaring, persistent global economic recession, to more variants of the COVID-19 virus, and from terrorism, especially arising from the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

South Asia appears to be the exception and the outlier to the most logical principle now — regional cooperation

The failure to build a regional defence to the issues arising from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and from North Atlantic Treaty Organization sanctions, trade ban and weapons stockpiling, means that South Asia has missed the chance to position itself as an energy "cartel" commanding a better price for the region. Apart from crude dependencies, Bangladesh, Pakistan and India buy more than 50% of their liquefied natural gas through the spot market – an indicator of how vulnerable they are to global energy trends.

Regional fissures

Pakistan has refused talks with India to its own detriment, and now stands to miss out on being part of the South Asia energy grid that is already powering dreams of regional connectivity between Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN grouping), and possibly Sri Lanka. Phrases such as "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*" and "diplomacy and dialogue" as being the only ways to resolve the conflict sound hollow when compared to India and Pakistan's act of holding up the SAARC Summit from meeting for nearly a decade. Furthermore, if New Delhi can virtually hold a special meeting for the "Global South", with the impact of the Ukraine war on the agenda, there is no reason why it cannot convene or participate in a regional dialogue to discuss the issue, or even to include the regional agenda in its G-20 narrative. Similar opportunities for regional cooperation in health security are being missed, although India has worked bilaterally with most of its neighbours to provide vaccines and COVID-19 medicines. Another move may be to unilaterally extend copyright waivers on medical products within South Asia of the sort India has proposed, unsuccessfully thus far, at the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

When it comes to terrorism, the contradictions between what can be discussed at broader multilaterals, but not in the region, are manifold: India and Pakistan talk about terrorism at the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), but will not discuss the issue bilaterally or within South Asia. In 2022, New Delhi and Islamabad exchanged teams as part of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), and India was part of the Financial Action Task Force grouping that let Pakistan off its terror financing "greylist", but the two sides are still not able to find a way for talks on the subject between them. The recent slanging match between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in New York is a sample of the only "engagement" that exists. There are other absurdities. Pakistan has made Kashmir its "sticking point" for any engagement with India, including opening trade with India, but allows transit for Indian wheat to Afghanistan. India will not hold talks with Pakistan due to its support for terrorists, but now has a dialogue open with UN designated terrorists themselves – Taliban leaders including Sirajuddin Haqqani, held responsible for the attacks on Indian missions where an Indian diplomat and several security personnel died. In the process of such rank lack of logical behaviour, any chance of coordinating or cooperating against the developing chaos in Afghanistan, and countering extra-regional terror threats are also lost for South Asia, the one region affected the most.

Comfort in regionalisation

Given the deepening polarisation in the world, climate chaos, and the growing scarcity of resources, it is clear to see that the underpinnings of globalisation over the past century are about to be upended, and nearly every other nation is finding its moorings in regionalisation and forums closer home. Regional trade now makes up for more than half of global trading, and agreements such as United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR for its Spanish initials), the European Union, Eurasian Economic Union, the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) are further boosting this trend. However, South Asia, defined by the Himalayas and HinduKush to the north, and the Indian Ocean to the south (an area distinctly different from West Asia and South East Asia on either side), is the exception, the outlier to this most logical principle.

Some options still exist for South Asian cooperation. Just as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has delinked himself from the Non Aligned Meet (NAM) Summit since 2014, but with the Government seen asserting its belief in non-Alignment, it should be possible to delink Mr. Modi's presence from the SAARC summit, due to be held next in Pakistan, and instead have the President or the Vice-President to represent India. A quid pro quo could even see Pakistan send a replacement for its Prime Minister to the SCO Heads of State summit due to be held in India in June. In any case, it is necessary for the future to delink South Asian cooperation from the summit itself, and allow other parts of the agenda (health, energy, women's rights, security and terrorism) to be held even if a leadership event is not. To reject this idea would mean a missed opportunity, with repercussions more dire than those that come from the poisoned air the region breathes today.

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New free foodgrain scheme as an illusion, doublespeak

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In George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, 'Squealer, the small fat pig' was a brilliant orator who always spoke to the hard-working animals about a 'readjustment of rations', but 'never as a "reduction"'.

The Government's latest announcement on free foodgrains is a case of similar doublespeak. The Cabinet has announced that under the new avatar of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), 810 million National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries will receive five kilos of free foodgrains every month in 2023. But this quantum was already legally guaranteed under the NFSA law, the flagship entitlement of the earlier United Progressive Alliance government. The only difference is that in January 2023, a family of five can collect 25 kg for free. Notably, this is a reduction by half of the 50 kg of rice (25 kg free under the earlier PMGKAY and 25 kg at ₹3 under the NFSA) they received in December 2022 from ration shops with a modest payment of ₹75. So, a family will now have to purchase the remaining 25 kg from the market at the cheapest possible price of ₹450 – which implies an additional expense of ₹375 to their monthly budget (The calculation is 1 kg at ₹18, or 25kg for ₹450).

The election angle

Of course, the earlier version of PMGKAY could not be extended indefinitely, especially since the procurement of food stocks from the 2022 *kharif* harvest was lacklustre. The repeated extensions, for 28 months, seemed to be with an eye on State elections.

The latest readjustment also seems politically motivated to appeal to voters in nine States that go to polls in 2023. Of course, this new giveaway is also likely to be again extended for another six months to cover the all-important 2024 general election.

The 'readjustment' seems to be politically motivated to appeal to voters and will only end up burdening the exchequer and pinching family budgets

But this subsidy is duplicitous. Just a few months ago, the Prime Minister had denounced the '*revdi*' culture of the distribution of freebies for votes by Opposition parties. Political scientist Steven Wilkinson argues that due to India's ethnic heterogeneity and increasing electoral competition, all political parties prefer to differentiate themselves based on such patronage politics. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), too, continues to focus on clientelism. More than 20 central government programmes have been named or renamed to credit the 'Pradhan Mantri'.

Main flaws

The PMGKAY's real design flaw is its lack of universal coverage, especially as ration records have not been updated since the 2011 Census – as per estimates, more than 40% of India's population is currently excluded from both the NFSA and PMGKAY. In many villages and slums, the most marginalised castes and communities, especially migrants, sex workers, the homeless and transgender persons are often without NFSA ration cards. However, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal have either universalised or substantially expanded coverage with State cards.

Even the Supreme Court of India, in an August 2022 order, had directed the central government to expand NFSA coverage. However, based on population projections, at least 100 million beneficiaries, especially children born in the last decade, are missing from ration lists. But the central government has not paid heed. The only partial exception is Uttar Pradesh, where the BJP State government provided free foodgrain with cooking oil, pulses and salt during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is considered to be one of the key reasons for the BJP's electoral victory in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

The central government also has every reason to feel the need to counter the political messaging of the Congress party-led Bharat Jodo Yatra. The *padayatra's* message of unity and its spotlight on inflation and unemployment are increasingly resonating with citizens. In 2023, India is projected to overtake China as the most populous country. But with high levels of youth unemployment, this Indian demographic dividend, too, seems to be turning into a demographic disaster.

Undermining NREGA

The central government has even squeezed the 100 days of work guaranteed under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA). This employer of the last resort scheme is being systematically undermined by acute Budget cuts, delayed payments and technological hurdles. In the period 2022-23, only 57 million households received NREGA work unlike 73 million last year. In West Bengal, pending wage payments of ₹2,744 due to labourers have even been withheld illegally for an entire year.

As Congress leader Rahul Gandhi described in his speech in front of the Red Fort in December 2022, pickpockets always need to distract the attention of their victims. Similarly, the illusion of the new free foodgrain scheme will in reality cost the exchequer and pinch family budgets in the New Year. But the million-dollar question is this: can this political chicanery win votes?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Governor's address

Gubernatorial displeasure (Editorial page, "This is an 'address' of great constitutional importance", January 17) within the contours of constitutional morality is always welcome. After all, dissent and seeking executive accountability are the essence of a thriving parliamentary democracy. But it does not bode well if the displeasure is disproportionately overt and borders on being outright 'guber-notorious'.

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The Governor could have disagreed with the left out portions of his address and insisted on their deletion, but having approved the same, should have read them out, as pointed out in the article. When the Constitution mandates certain rules, a constitutional functionary should not have cast them to the wind. This particular incident has set a wrong precedent and should the Centre approve of Mr. Ravi's conduct, will cause dissonance between the Centre and the State of Tamil Nadu. The wisdom of appointing Governors from other States with differing political ideologies has become questionable.

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One wonders whether the writer has been objective. Are the members of the Tamil Nadu government, i.e. its leader and the Ministers paragons of virtue adhering to constitutional norms while the Governor alone is 'at fault'? One is certain that the Governor has his advisers as well as legal luminaries to advise him regarding the nuances of the Constitution.

S. Umamahesweran,
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Now a protected plant

The Centre has done well to cast a safety net around the Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*), the blue wonder which blooms once in 12 years (Inside pages, January 13). Future generations cannot be denied the experience of witnessing its glory. It is also an indicator of the state of the environment.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Corrections & Clarifications

In the Op-Ed page "Ground Zero" article (January 14, 2023), the altitude of Joshimath was incorrectly mentioned as 6,000 *metres* above sea level. It should have been 6,000 *feet*.

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A case for reassigning GST to States

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The Union government is endowed with more tax powers than the States, while the States are assigned more expenditure responsibilities than the Union government. This gives rise to a vertical fiscal imbalance (VFI) between the Union and State governments. The main responsibility of the Finance Commission is to correct this, but this task remains unaccomplished. We look at this issue in the context of the Goods and Services Tax.

The Union and State governments concurrently levy GST on commodities with 50% as Central GST (CGST) and 50% as State GST (SGST). There is an Integrated GST (IGST) on inter-State trade, so that 50% of it goes to the final destination State. The GST is a harmonised tax on commodities across the country. Individual States have little power to unilaterally change this tax. Though conceptually, the Union government could not do so either, the GST Council gives the Union government a veto to thrust its preferences on the States.

Measuring imbalances

The simplest of the many empirical measures of VFI is 'VFI equals one minus the ratio of the State's own revenue to own expenditure'. If this VFI ratio is zero, the States have enough own revenue to meet their own expenditure and there is no need for financial transfers.

We can calculate the VFI ratio for each State and for all the States put together. If we look at the data for all the States over the periods of the last three Finance Commissions (2005-06 to 2020-21), the VFI ratio shows an increasing trend. For the latest period of 2015-16 to 2020-21, the ratio was 0.530, which means that only 47% of the States' own expenditure was financed by their own revenue in that period. In this period, four major changes took place. First, the divisible taxes of the Union government expanded from two to all the Union taxes, thus enlarging the revenue base to be shared with the States. Second, fiscal responsibility legislation was implemented to constrain the fiscal deficits of the States. States directly borrow from the market subject to limits imposed by the Union government. Third, the Union Planning Commission was dissolved, leading to the withdrawal of Plan grants. Fourth, GST was introduced in 2017. These changes have considerably altered the States' revenue structure. States have little revenue autonomy and are more dependent on the Union government. For instance, if we consider the withdrawal of the Union government's plan grants and loans to the States and their effect on States' combined budget, the VFI ratio increased for the same period to 0.594 from 0.530, indicating that only 40% of the State's own expenditure is financed by their own revenue.

Reassigning of tax powers

We propose a solution to correct the VFI by reassigning the tax powers between the Union and the States. The Union government has exclusive power to levy excise duty on petroleum products, and the States have exclusive power to levy excise duty and sales tax on liquor. All other commodities fall under the GST. We propose that the CGST and the excise duty on petroleum products be assigned to the States so that the entire GST is assigned to the States.

This should be conceived as follows. One, we should bring all commodities, including petroleum products, under GST. Two, the Union government should continue to collect IGST only to settle revenue on destination basis. This will ensure harmonisation of GST across States. GST shall continue as a tax determined by the GST Council. However, the veto power of the Union government should be removed. Then, the GST Council will truly become a body by the States to settle tax issues among themselves, with the Union government facilitating the arrival of consensus among the States on tax issues. This may once again require some constitutional amendments. Commodity taxation should be moved to State List II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, with a rider that harmonisation of commodity taxation should be maintained.

The assignment of excise duty on petroleum products to the States will hasten the process of integrating taxes on petroleum products into GST and remove the cascading effects of the current excise duty on petroleum products. This will reduce the tax potential of the States, but higher buoyancy of GST should compensate for this revenue loss. The positive aspect of this reassignment of tax will be the increase in own tax revenue of the States. This will also improve accountability of the States to their people on fiscal matters.

We assume that once GST is assigned to the States, VFI will come down to zero. Assuming this reassignment and revenue effect, we recalculated the VFI ratio and found that it stands at 0.005 (2015-16 to 2020-21), indicating that all the States' own expenditure can be financed by their own revenue resources. The need for assigning share in Central taxes and grants in aid to address VFI does not arise.

Though the financial transfers to the States to address VFI may not be needed if the entire GST is assigned to the States, the tax base of the GST, namely consumption, is not equally distributed among the States. The unequal tax base with unequal expenditure requirement between the States creates horizontal fiscal imbalance among the States. Therefore, the Union government should effect equalisation transfers to address this issue of horizontal fiscal inequality. Our calculations show that the revenue surplus of the Union government after this tax reassignment should be enough to provide for this equalisation transfer to the States.

It is essential to restore fiscal balance between the Union and State governments

Two stampedes and their aftermath

The order banning road shows has been met with anger by the Opposition

STATE OF PLAY

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As the ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), the Jana Sena Party (JSP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party prepare for the Andhra Pradesh elections scheduled next year, the government passed an order in early January which threatened to throw a spanner in the works of the Opposition parties. In the light of two stampedes claiming the lives of 11 people at road shows in the State, the government issued an order banning road shows and rallies on the grounds of public safety. The controversial order was met with anger from the Opposition parties. On January 13, a vacation Bench of the High Court said the order would be kept in abeyance until January 23. The State government has now filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court challenging the stay imposed on the operation of the order.

The first stampede, which led to the death of eight people, took place during a roadshow addressed by former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at Kandukur in Nellore district. The second took place at a private event in Guntur, apparently during a rush for freebies, and claimed the lives of three women. It was again Mr. Naidu who was the chief guest at that function.

Some Ministers and a host of YSRCP leaders held Mr. Naidu responsible for both the incidents, stating that his "penchant for publicity" had led to the loss of lives. They argued that Mr. Naidu's convoy had passed through the narrow streets of Kandukur in blatant violation of police instructions. They said the organisers had failed to make proper arrangements, and the police could do little to control the surging crowds. YSRCP leaders also said it was the failure of TDP workers, who were involved in the distribution of gifts by a charitable trust, that led to the incident in Guntur. Opposition parties hit back at the government saying that the onus of preventing such incidents was on the police.

By issuing the order banning road shows and rallies, the government queered the pitch for the Opposition parties, which are seeking to cash in on the anti-incumbency factor through their mass outreach programmes. Mr. Naidu and JSP president K. Pawan Kalyan argued that the intent of the order was to stop them from reaching out to the people. They called it a British-era order designed to crack down on Opposition parties which are rallying together before the elections. The government dismissed these accusations and asserted that the order was applicable to all parties, including the YSRCP.

Before the political heat generated by the order subsided, Mr. Kalyan went into a huddle with Mr. Naidu at the former Chief Minister's residence in Hyderabad for at least two hours. Mr. Kalyan is apparently at odds with his alliance partner, the BJP. He said he called on Mr. Naidu to express solidarity with him as the TDP chief was prevented by the police from conducting a roadshow in the Kuppam Assembly constituency days after the Government Order was issued and was finally forced to conduct door-to-door meetings. However, analysts say there is more to the meeting than meets the eye.

The Government Order is a mere restatement of the prohibitory orders routinely issued as per Section 30 of the Police Act of 1861, which empowers the imposition of reasonable restrictions whenever a situation requires on any given day. The fact that the Police Act was introduced by the British to tackle uprisings of the time has prompted the Opposition parties to term the order an archaic piece of legislation. There is nothing wrong with the Government Order, said a high-ranking official on the condition of anonymity; it merely means that permissions given for public meetings will be subjected to greater scrutiny by the police with the due involvement of District Collectors. In the SLP, the State government has said the High Court has failed to note that Section 30 of the Police Act allows the State to set up a procedure for permitting public meetings on the basis of applications filed by the organisers. Irrespective of the legal validity of the order, the ruling party and the Opposition will not compromise easily lest they be seen as losers even before the race begins. The courts' verdicts on the order could likely impact future political meetings. The political ramifications notwithstanding, the police and parties should take adequate measures on safety ahead of any political gatherings in the future so that precious lives are not endangered.

Duopoly concerns loom large in the telecom sector

With a falling subscriber rate over the last four calendar years, Vodafone-Idea is in dire straits

DATA POINT

Jasmin Nihalani

The fate of India's third-largest telecom, Vodafone-Idea, is hanging in the balance. In January 2022, the cash-strapped telecom had agreed to convert its adjusted gross revenues (AGR)-related dues worth ₹16,000 crore into government equity. With this move, the government would have become the largest shareholder with a 33% stake, reducing the promoter holding to 50%. However, despite the Cabinet's go-ahead, the conversion is yet to conclude. The delay has caused a severe fund crunch for Vodafone-Idea. While the government wants the promoters to infuse capital before taking a stake, the promoters – Vodafone Group plc and Aditya Birla Group – are not keen to pump in more money.

The financial woes of Indian telecoms are due to two reasons. One, intense competition led to tariff wars and shrunk the market from 15 players in 2010 to just four at present. If Vodafone-Idea collapses, the sector will effectively become a duopoly. Two, AGR dues have further strained the pockets of older players such as Bharti Airtel and Vodafone-Idea. AGR refers to the dues related to licenses and spectrum charges paid by the operators to the Centre based on the revenues they earn.

Vodafone was the second-largest player for the most part of the last decade. With the merger, Vodafone-Idea occupied the top spot in 2018 with a wireless subscriber market share of 35.6%. But since then, it has been losing its share and is now a distant third. Jio has emerged as a market leader with 37%. **Chart 1** shows the market share (in %) of service providers in the wireless subscriber segment.

In the last four calendar years, Vodafone-Idea has lost over 173 million subscribers. From a high of 418.7 million in 2018, its subscriber base as of October 2022 was down to 245.6 million. While Airtel too lost subscribers in 2019, it has been gaining since 2020 and has acquired more subscribers than Jio on a yearly basis. **Chart 2** shows the net subscribers gained or lost by a telecom operator annually.

Apart from losing subscribers, Vodafone-Idea's average revenue per user (ARPU) per month has also failed to keep pace with that of its rivals. Jio's entry in 2016 disrupted the markets with cheap data and low tariffs, thus bringing down the ARPUs. But the rise in tariffs since FY20 has increased the ARPUs. Here too, Airtel has remained ahead of Jio. In FY23, Airtel's ARPU was ₹187 compared to Jio's ₹177 while Vodafone-Idea lagged behind with ₹130. **Chart 3** shows the average revenue earned per user per month (in ₹) by private service providers in wireless services.

The falling subscriber base and cheaper tariffs impacted Vodafone-Idea's revenues and pending AGR dues and spectrum charges bloated its debt and further raised its expenses. Vodafone-Idea has made losses in every financial year since the merger. While its income from operations has dipped, its expenses have surged. Close to a third of its expenses are used to meet finance costs – the costs incurred by a company to borrow funds. **Chart 4** shows the profits and losses made by Vodafone-Idea in ₹ crore. **Chart 5** shows Vodafone-Idea's income from operations and expenses in ₹ crore.

As of the quarter ending September 2023, Vodafone-Idea was saddled with a gross debt of ₹2,203.2 billion, while its cash and cash equivalents were merely ₹1.9 billion. There has been a significant rise in the telecom's gross debt since FY19, while its cash balance has remained low. A bulk of its debt is owed to the government in the form of spectrum and AGR dues. **Chart 6** shows the gross debt (left axis) and cash and cash equivalents (right axis) in ₹ billion.

Vodafone out of ideas?

The data for charts were sourced from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, various institutional reports, BSE, and Vodafone-Idea

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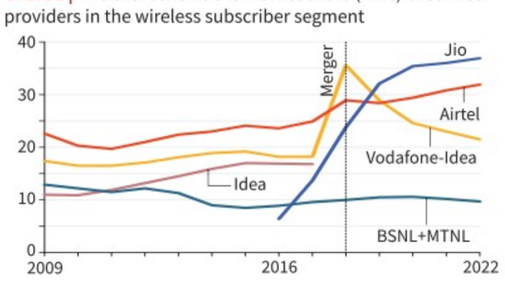

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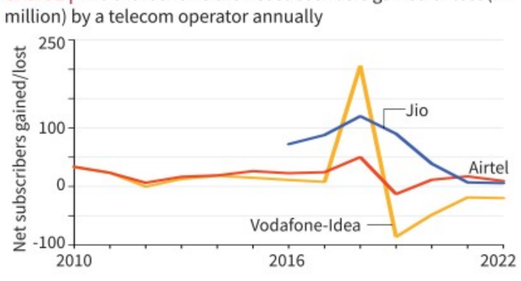

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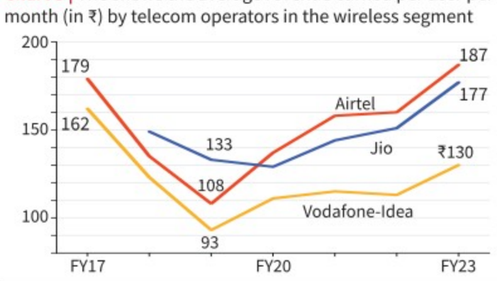

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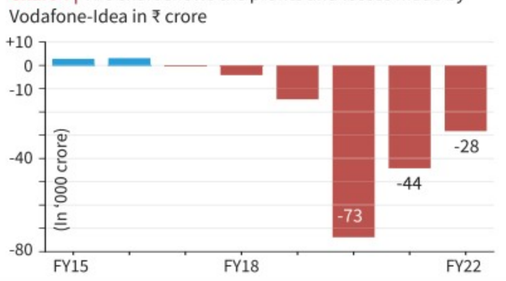

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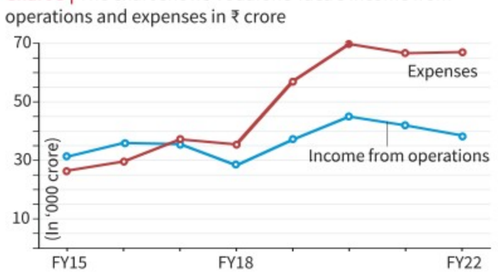

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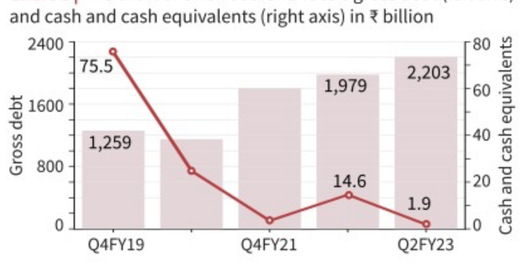

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 18, 1973

Indian Ocean as zone of peace: Pathak's call

Phgmalion Point (Great Nicobar), Jan. 17: The Vice-President, Mr. G.S. Pathak, to-day inaugurated a hundred-foot-high light house here with a call for end to big power interferences in the Indian Ocean. "Our main desire is that the Indian Ocean should be a zone of peace and should be free from interference from world powers. This would give an opportunity to all countries washed by the waters of this ocean to develop and achieve progress and prosperity in peace," Mr. Pathak said. The Vice-President repeated his call to big powers with the observation that students of the country were well aware of the influence of the Indian Ocean on the history of the Indian sub-continent and of its vital importance to our peaceful progress. Mr. Pathak said the light house was yet another milestone in the establishment of a modern system of navigational aids on the Indian coast and outlying islands. This Rs. 44 lakh light house erected by Indian engineers acquires added significance from the point of its strategic location in the Indian Ocean. This southern-most tip of India - this point is farther south than Kanyakumari - is only 90 miles away from Indonesian coast, separated by the Great Channel. This light house comes under the description of "unattended light house" and there is little habitation around. There are few more such unattended light houses along the 7300-kilometre coastline of India.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 18, 1923

Luxor discovery

Luxor, Jan. 16: Most beautiful objects have been removed from the tomb of Tutan Khamun including a splendid ebony and gold couch which was perfectly preserved, several quaintly designed bows and arrows, a jewel box containing small decorative articles and small stones and an alabaster vase. They were all subjected to a preservation process prior to the removal. A group of English and American tourists and journalists who have kept incessant vigil over the tomb for the past fortnight were the most interested spectators. Amongst those present was Major E. Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes.

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Pak. PM moots 'serious, sincere' talks with Modi

"[India] usurped whatever semblance of autonomy was given to Kashmiris in their Constitution – Article 370. They revoked that in August 2019, and minorities over there are grossly mishandled. This must stop so that a message can go around the globe that India is ready to have talks, and we are more than ready," Mr. Sharif said.

"Pakistan does not want to waste resources on bombs and ammunition. We are nuclear powers, armed to the teeth, and if God forbids, a war breaks out, who will live to tell what happened?" he said.

Resolution through talks

The Pakistan PMO said that Mr. Sharif had consistently maintained that Pakistan and India must resolve their bilateral issues through dialogue and peaceful means, but only after India revokes its decision on Kashmir.

"The settlement of the Kashmir dispute must be in accordance with the UN resolutions & aspirations of people of Jammu & Kashmir. The Spokesman said that the Prime Minister made this position very clear in his interview with *Al Arabiya* news during his recent visit to the UAE."

(With inputs from ANI)

UNSC blacklists Makki after China lifts its hold

All five faced a "technical hold" from China, while the other 14 members of the Security Council supported the listing.

"Terrorism is the common enemy of humanity. The 1267 Committee is an important international counterterrorism mechanism," China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said on Tuesday, when asked about China's U-turn and decision to lift its hold. "The listing of terrorists or terror organisations is conducive to enhancing international counterterrorism cooperation in response to terrorist threats," he added. "The relevant people have been convicted and sentenced by Pakistan. The listing also shows Pakistan's firm combat against terrorism. It is a recognition."

India and the U.S. have already listed Makki as a terrorist under their respective laws and had jointly proposed that the UNSC's Committee blacklist him on June 1, 2022, which China blocked.

On Tuesday, the official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Arindam Bagchi welcomed the decision of the Committee and said, "Threats from terrorist organisations in the region remain high and listings and sanctions by the UNSC are an effective tool to curb such threats."

BJP chief J.P. Nadda's tenure extended till June next year

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

BJP president J.P. Nadda's term has been extended till June 2024, with the party now poised to face the next Lok Sabha election with him at the helm.

The decision, one of the expected outcomes of the BJP's national executive meeting, was endorsed on the final day of the two-day meeting in New Delhi. It also quietens speculation on whether the BJP's loss in Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Nadda's home State, would be laid at his door.

Rajnath moves proposal

Union Home Minister Amit Shah made the formal announcement to the media, stating that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had tabled the proposal, which was endorsed by the 350 or so delegates at the meet.

Mr. Nadda's tenure was to end in January 2023 as he had been elected for a three-year term in January 2020.

India sends financing assurances to IMF

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

India sent financing assurances to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Monday, becoming the first of Sri Lanka's creditors to officially back the crisis-hit island nation's debt restructuring programme. The development comes ahead of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Colombo on January 19 and 20, and just as Sri Lankan leaders concluded talks with a visiting high-level delegation of the Communist Party of China.

"The written financing assurances from India were sent to the IMF Monday evening," a top official source in Colombo told *The Hindu*. This takes Sri Lanka one step closer to getting a crucial $2.9-billion package from the IMF, made contingent on "receiving financing assurances from Sri Lanka's official creditors and making a good faith effort to reach a collaborative agreement with private creditors."

China, Japan, and India are Sri Lanka's three largest bilateral lenders. With India getting on board, Sri Lanka's chances of swiftly tapping IMF assistance now depend on similar assurances from Japan and China. Sources familiar with Sri Lanka's ongoing negotiations with creditors said the Paris Club, of which Japan is a member, is likely to send its financing assurances "soon".

Finish collection of States' views on identifying minorities: SC to Centre

Court gives govt. last opportunity to break the silence of Jammu & Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Telangana on NCM's view that religious and linguistic minority communities ought to be identified State-wise

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

> Frankly, J&K is administered by you at the moment. So is Lakshadweep... Is it that your own administrations are not responding?
>
> **JUSTICE SANJAY KISHAN KAUL**

The Centre's position in the Supreme Court remained uncertain on Tuesday on whether its 1993 notification identifying Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis as minority communities needed reconsideration in light of a view by the National Commission for Minorities that religious and linguistic minority communities ought to be identified State-wise.

Instead, it sought time to gather the views of four States and two Union Territories which have remained mum on the question.

Currently, 24 States and Union Territories have given a mixed response, some leaving the task of identifying minorities to the Centre or preferring *status quo,* while others, including BJP-ruled Assam and Uttarakhand, and States such as West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, maintaining that minorities should be identified at the State level.

Appearing before a Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Attorney-General R. Venkataramani said the six who have remained silent are Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Telangana.

"I would presume that they have nothing to say then? Frankly, Jammu & Kashmir is administered by you at the moment. So is Lakshadweep... Is it that your own administrations are not responding," Justice Kaul asked.

The Attorney-General said Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Telangana were major States and their responses were important. "We give a last opportunity to the Centre to get their responses, failing which we will presume that they have nothing to say," the court observed in its order, listing the case on March 21.

The hearing began with senior advocate C.S. Vaidyanathan, for petitioner-advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, drawing the court's attention to a status report filed by the Centre on January 10. "The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) agrees with the definition of 'minority' not on a nationwide basis but State-wise... In spite of this, the 1993 notification continues... The government may either have to withdraw it or come up with a fresh notification," Mr. Vaidyanathan submitted.

The NCM's input, dating back to October 2020 and reproduced in the Centre's status report in January 2023, said "the State has to be regarded as the unit for determining linguistic and religious minority".

The commission had referred to the court's 11-judge Bench judgment in the *T.M.A. Pai Foundation* case of 2002 and *Bal Patil* verdict of 2005, in which the top court had clarified that "henceforth the unit for determining status of linguistic and religious minorities would be 'State'".

The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, a statutory body notified by the Centre, too had referred to the *T.M.A. Pai Foundation* judgment's conclusion that "a minority, whether linguistic or religious, is determinable only by reference to the demography of the State and not by taking into consideration the population of the country as a whole". The Ministry of Education had also pointed to the logic presented by the 11-judge Bench decision.

The Home Ministry said it had "no specific input or comments to offer in this matter". The Law Ministry remained non-committal, saying the comments of the State governments were needed and it had "nothing more to add at this stage".

J&K police say two militants shot dead in Budgam

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants, who had managed to escape an anti-militancy operation in Budgam district's Redbugh area on Sunday, were shot dead by the police and the Army at a joint checkpoint set up in the district on Tuesday.

A Srinagar-based Army spokesman said the movement of terrorists was being continuously tracked for the past few days by the intelligence agencies of the Army. One AK series rifle, one pistol and other discriminating material were recovered from the encounter site.

Later, the J&K police identified the slain militants as Arbaaz Ahmad Mir, a resident of Putrigam Rajpora and Shahid Ahmad Sheikh, a resident of Kisrigam Kakapora.

According to the police, the militants were in the process of shifting their hideout to Srinagar ahead of the Republic Day.

NCB widens probe into Punjab drug syndicate with international links

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Officials looking for drugs inside a warehouse. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The arrest of 16 alleged members of an international drug syndicate has helped the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to unearth an intricate nexus among Pakistan-based masterminds, drug manufacturers in Afghanistan, traffickers, local smugglers, gangsters and white-collar criminals.

The NCB is coordinating with multiple agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau, to pursue leads and chase down the other syndicate members. The agency suspects that in the past one year, the network that ran heroin processing units in Ludhiana in Punjab and Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh, with the help of Afghan nationals, has sourced and processed about 1,500 kg of the narcotic for local distribution.

"The drugs were being smuggled in through the land (the Attari border) and sea routes," Gyaneshwar Singh, Deputy Director-General, Northern Range, NCB, told *The Hindu*.

The NCB investigation has revealed that Pakistan-based masterminds arranged for the transportation of "crude heroin" from Afghanistan, either using the legal trade routes by concealing the contraband in legitimate cargo or via other maritime ways. The consignments may be brought to Konarak in Iran, via Balochistan in Pakistan, where they are loaded on small sailing vessels (dhows). The other ports used for transporting consignments are in Gwadar and Karachi in Pakistan.

In the 3,000-kg heroin seizure case at Mundra Port, the investigators had found that the contraband had been shipped from the Bandar Abbas port in Iran, after being brought there via the land route, in the guise of a consignment of semi-processed talc being imported by a Vijayawada-based company, Aashi Trading Company.

The latest drug syndicate busted by the NCB was run allegedly by Akshay Chhabra, who earlier worked under a drug dealer. After the dealer's murder, he took over the group that also included the gangsters who came in touch with the syndicate members while lodged in Punjab jails. Akshay's alleged accomplice Sandeep Singh is a known aide of "gangster" Jaggu Bhagwanpuria, who was allegedly involved in the murder of singer Sidhu Moosewala.

The NCB has alleged that Akshay's accomplice Hitesh Verma's firm Verma International was purportedly used to "import" morphine and crude heroin hidden amid juice bottles.

News marked false by PIB to be taken down: draft rule

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NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on Tuesday proposed a draft rule that will require social media platforms to take down content that has been "fact-checked" by the Press Information Bureau's fact-check unit as false.

Rule 3(1)(b)(v) of the amended version of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 state that platforms "shall make reasonable efforts to cause the user of its computer resource not to" post content that has been "identified as fake or false by the fact check unit at the Press Information Bureau of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting or other agency authorised by the Central Government for fact checking".

The insertion of the draft condition comes even as the government held discussions with real money gaming platforms on Tuesday, during which industry representatives largely approved of the draft as far as the regulation of wagering platforms was concerned. .

News reports

While the fact check unit of the PIB has debunked several baseless rumours that circulate on social media platforms such as WhatsApp and Twitter, the body has also issued denials on behalf of the government in response to news reports by online publications and newspapers alike in the past. In at least one case, the fact check unit has called reporting "false" on the basis of an official response.

Jain body appeals to NCM for Parasnath hill

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The members of the Jain community on Tuesday told the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) that they do not want the sacred Parasnath hill to become another Joshimath because of "excessive tourism activity".

The members of the Jain community and representatives of the Union and the Jharkhand State governments appeared before the NCM for a hearing pertaining to the Parasnath hill.

Vishwa Jain Sanghathan members wanted Parasnath hill to be declared a religious place and removed from the list of eco-tourism spots.

In Focus podcast | The signal from the sinking of Joshimath
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400 tribal youth from 3 LWE-affected districts in Chhattisgarh to join CRPF

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Up to the mark: The services of the recruits will only be confirmed after they pass Class 10. FILE PHOTO

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has completed the process of recruitment of 400 tribal youth from Sukma, Bijapur and Dantewada, the districts worst affected by left-wing extremism in Chhattisgarh. The recruits will join the basic CRPF training in March, a senior government official said.

To encourage recruitment from these districts, the Union Cabinet on June 1, 2022, approved a proposal by the Union Home Ministry to relax the requisite minimum educational qualification to Class 8 from Class 10 for the local youth.

The official said the services of the recruits, however, will only be confirmed after they pass Class 10, for which the CRPF will help them register with the National Institute of Open Schooling.

The official said that thousands applied for the posts of constable (general duty). "We have kept the identity of the candidates finalised for the posts under wraps for security reasons. The families of many candidates have received threat from Maoist cadres warning them against joining the force," the official said.

This is not the first time such a special recruitment drive was launched in the affected districts. In 2016, the CRPF raised one Bastariya Battalion, comprising 744 Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates from Bijapur, Dantewada, Narayanpur and Sukma districts of Chhattisgarh. The official said many positions remained vacant as the tribal youth from interior locations of the four districts could not meet the educational requirement.

Relaxed rules

"To overcome the lacunae, it was decided to relax the educational qualification for the current recruitment drive," the official said, adding that verification of character and antecedents of the selected candidates is being done by the State police and is likely to be completed in a few weeks.

Another official said that they were ensuring wide publicity of the drive to encourage maximum participation and create awareness of the recruitment rallies.

"In addition to information dissemination through radio channels and newspapers, banners were placed at several locations. The CRPF teams made announcements while patrolling the interior areas. The District Reserve Guards (DRG) of Chhattisgarh police and the Bastaria Battalion personnel who are local residents helped spread the word around," the official said.

The recruitment process involved physical and written examinations.

At the time of joining, the constables will be entitled to a minimum salary of ₹21,700, dearness and ration allowances and free medical and accommodation facilities.

Repeated bail challenges waste time in courts, says SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday objected to how bail orders faced repeated, threadbare challenges by the state in constitutional courts.

A Bench led by Justice S.K. Kaul expressed its displeasure at the phenomenon while hearing petitions filed by the Delhi Police against the bail granted to activists Devangana Kalita, Natasha Narwal and Asif Iqbal Tanha in a case connected to the 2020 Delhi riots.

The remarks from the Bench came after the Delhi Police counsel, advocate Rajat Nair, said that they had a case for cancellation of the bail granted to the three activists by the Delhi High Court.

"You have spent hours in bail matters. It is complete wastage of time. You want a full trial in bail matters? This, I don't understand," Justice Kaul said.

Ahead of polls, BJP meet touches on party's various campaign highlights

Completion of Ram Temple, India's G-20 presidentship and welfare of poor were highlighted; issues mentioned in the statements painted the picture of party's poll pitch for nine Assembly elections this year and Lok Sabha election in 2024

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A socio-economic resolution that thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the expected fast completion of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, a statement on India's G-20 presidentship by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, and a laudatory statement on welfare of the poor due to the Modi government's interventions were part of the proceedings of the final day of the BJP's national executive meeting in New Delhi.

The wide spectrum of issues mentioned in the statements and resolution largely painted the picture of the BJP's campaign highlights for the nine Assembly elections this year and the Lok Sabha election in 2024 – cultural nationalism with regard to the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, a global outlook and leadership through the G-20 leadership and welfare politics of beneficiaries.

Planning ahead: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah after the BJP meeting on Tuesday. PTI

Briefing presspersons on the socio-economic resolution, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan not only underlined what he termed the "governance and politics of saturation" of providing welfare benefits to all, but also a strong statement on the Ram Temple. The resolution proposed by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Mr. Pradhan said, expressed gratitude towards Mr. Modi for the construction of the temple.

The resolution was seconded by Union Minister V. Muraleedharan and Sunita Duggal, MP from Haryana. "The Opposition used to ridicule the BJP, asking the date for the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Now, the temple is under construction and its date has also been announced," Mr. Pradhan said.

"When we came to power, India was in the 'Fragile Five' and now, when we are completing 75 years of Independence... (it) became the fifth largest economy, leaving behind the United Kingdom," he added. On the financial side, the resolution talked about the Goods and Services Tax and also the 22.6% rise in tax collections, he said.

Mr. Jaishankar, later in the proceedings on Tuesday, made a statement on India's Presidency of G-20, asserting that the country's image had transformed globally in the past nine years of the Narendra Modi-led government. BJP vice-president Baijayant Jay Panda quoted the Minister while briefing presspersons on the closed-door meeting.

"When the COVID pandemic broke, there were concerns that India will be one country which may not manage it but now the G-20 and the world, in general, are 'full of admiration' as it not only dealt with the crisis but also reached out with help to other countries," Mr. Panda said, quoting Mr. Jaishankar.

This was followed by a statement on welfare of the poor through steps by by the Centre and the States ruled by the BJP, with BJP Parliamentary Board member Sudha Yadav dismissing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's criticism about concentration of wealth.

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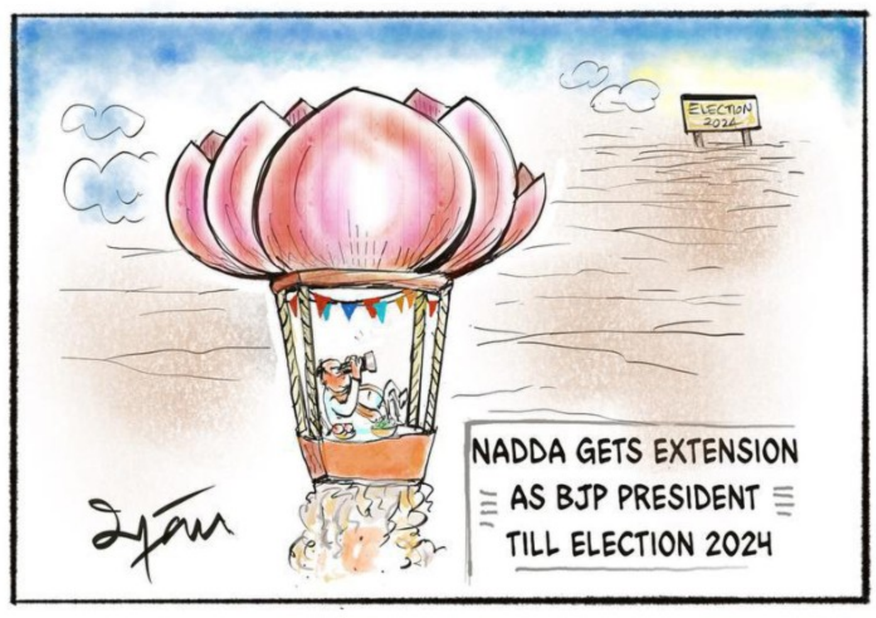

President likely to address joint sitting in new Parliament

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The President's Address to the joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha is likely to be held in the new Parliament building, while the rest of the first part of the Budget Session may continue in the old structure, according to sources.

The Budget Session of Parliament commences on January 31 and its first part will go on till February 10. Parliament will reconvene on March 12 and the session will go on till April 6.

This will be President Droupadi Murmu's first Address to Parliament and the very first sitting in the new building, which is under construction. The session, according to sources, will be held in the Lok Sabha chamber, where last-minute finishing touches are being applied. The new building does not have a Central Hall, where all joint sittings are held.

Smart identity cards

The Lok Sabha Secretariat has started preparing new "smart identity cards" for Parliament members. "The smart card shall be highly secure with several safety features embedded in the system," as per the Lok Sabha bulletin. The new building will also have smart cameras with face recognition features.

"There are still a few works pending so it is unlikely that we will have the entire Budget Session there. It's hoped that when Parliament meets after the recess on March 12, the building will be ready to receive the members," a senior official said.

CPI to join Bharat Jodo Yatra's finale in Srinagar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Communist Party of India (CPI) general secretary D. Raja, in a letter to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday, confirmed his party's participation in the closing event of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar. The event will be held on January 30.

Mr. Raja and Rajya Sabha member Binoy Viswam will represent the party. The Congress has extended invitations to many Opposition parties for the event. "We have fought the British Raj unitedly; it is time we all come together and defeat the RSS-BJP unitedly," Mr. Raja wrote.

"The call of the yatra, as you mentioned in your letter, is harmony and equality. The call to unite against hatred and violence is a welcome one," he added.

Cong. targets Modi govt. over growing inequality

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday took to Twitter to accuse the Modi government of widening economic inequality in India.

The attack comes a day after rights group Oxfam released its inequality report, in which it said the richest 1% now own more than 40% of India's total wealth, while the bottom half shares just 3% of it.

Mr. Kharge said the BJP had widened the gap so much that the common man "continues to sink in its abyss".

Keep electoral aims aside and work for all sections, Modi tells BJP cadre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders to make efforts to reach out to every section of society, including minorities and marginalised communities, not with electoral aims but to work with full dedication for all.

The remarks were part of Mr. Modi's valedictory address at the two-day meeting of the BJP's national executive in New Delhi. While sources said that he mentioned sections of society such as Pasmandas and the Bohra community, there was no confirmation that he named communities.

Narendra Modi

'India's best era'

Stating that "India's best era" was soon to come, the Prime Minister said that the BJP should dedicate itself to the country's development and turn '*amrit kaal*' (the 25-year period till 2047) into '*kartavya kaal*' (era of duties).

Mr. Modi noted that there were nearly 400 days left for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. He urged party members to serve every section of society. Several participants described his speech as his big vision to expand the party organisation and lead the country in every aspect.

Party members said Mr. Modi spoke highly of Sufism. He asked them to meet professionals from different walks of life and visit places such as universities and churches to connect with them.

Sources said the Prime Minister cautioned party members against any sense of "overconfidence".

Mr. Modi also emphasised environmental conservation, instructing party leaders that a *Dharti Bachao* (save the earth) campaign should be run on the same lines as the government's other campaign, *Beti Bachao* (save our daughters). He said dependence on fertilizers should be reduced.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who briefed the media after Mr. Modi's address, said the latter emphasised that "the BJP is no longer merely a political movement but a social movement as well that is working to transform socio-economic conditions".

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 1) Re-E-Tender 76/2022-23/SE/PHC/CHN, 2) Re-E-Tender 80/2022-23/SE/PHC/CHN **Jal Jeevan Mission** -1) Water supply scheme to Udayamperoor Pt. in Ernakulam district-Pump house extension, laying Pumping mains, Construction of OHSR, Laying distribution lines and providing FHTC-Pipeline work 2) CWSS to Puthencruez, Thiruvaniyoor, Poothrika, and Chottanikkara Panchayaths-Construction of OHSR at Nirappamala, Providing Distribution Network and FHTCs in Poothrikka GP- **EMD** : Rs. ₹ 5,00,000/, ₹ 5,00,000/, **Tender fee** : Rs. ₹ 17700, ₹ 17700, **Last Date for submitting Tender** : 30-01-2023 03:00:pm, **Phone** : 0484-2360645, Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Kochi

KWA-JB-GL-6-1434-2022-23

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
Office of the Chief Engineer **e-Procurement Tender Notice**

Adv.No.59/D3/CE/TTD/2022-23, NIT NO.80/SE-I/2022-23 Dt:15/01/2023

●**Name of work:** Construction of Community Hall at Telugu Thalli Vigraham, Thummalagunta, Tirupati, Amount: 550 Lakhs, Time for completion - 12 months . ●**Schedule Download Start Date : 20-01-2023 (05.00 a.m.; Download End Date: 06-02-2023 (1.00 p.m.) & Last Date for Bid submission: 06-02-2023 (3.00 p.m.)**

NOTE: For full details log on to the website **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** / or **http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in/**

Roc.No.PR4/13950/Adv.No.354/PRO/2023, Dated:17-01-2023 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

राजस्थान खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग बोर्ड, जयपुर

क्रमांक :– रा.खा.ग्रा.बो./प्रशिक्षण/2022–23/1001 दिनांक :– 13/01/2023

संशोधित ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक 2022-23/13

Bids for Supply of Semi Automatic Paddle Loom with 60" Reed Space/Workable width with Installation estimated value Rs. 185.00 lacs are invited from interested bidders up to 12.30 PM dated 27.01.2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement postal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in, https://rajkhadi.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state. **UBN : KVI2223GLOB00013**

राज.संवाद/सी/22/13306 **Secretary**

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL S.M.S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & CONTROLLER OF THE ATTACHED HOSPITALS, JAIPUR

No-F/MC/Store/2022-23/8977-80 **Dated: 04/01/2023**

Notice Inviting Bid

Bid for supply & installation below mentioned items are invited from interested bidder's upto 27-01-2023 at 04.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state and SMS Medical College, Jaipur. Department website. UBN SMS2223GLOB00604 to SMS2223GLOB00627

DIPR/C/282 **PRINCIPAL & CONTROLLER**

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Website : WWW.jntbgri.res.in, email: tbgri.purchase@gmail.com

No. TBGRI/3250/KBR/PS/2022 **11.01.2023**

E- tender Notice

E –tenders are invited from the supply of LC MS Single Quadrupole.
For more details, please visit the e-tendering portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in (Tender ID 2023_KCSTE_547818_1).

Last date of online submission of tender is 30.01.2023. **Sd/- DIRECTOR**

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, BHUBANESWAR - 751022

Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-960/03/2019 (V-II)/ 1232 Date : 12.01.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value of Work (Approx.)	Period of Completion
1.	Providing, Laying, Testing & Commissioning of 400 mm (N.B) dia D.I. S/S (K-9) Pipe in Raw Water Rising Main from existing 400 mm dia MS pipe to proposed WTP of Paradeep Plastic Park, Paradeep.	₹ 236.28 lakhs	05 (Five) Calendar Months

I. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar-751022.	Bid ID.No. P&C/EST/E-140/2022-23	17.00 Hours of dt. 30.01.2023	17.00 Hours of dt. 15.02.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in . Corrigendum or addendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal www.tenderodisha.gov.in as well as IDCO website www.idco.in.

CAD-4534: Sd/- **Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar** OIPR-14003/11/0272/2223

E1-19164/17 **KANNUR CORPORATION OFFICE**
Date : 16/01/2023

E-TENDER WINDOW NOTICE

Competitive e-tenders are invited from qualified registered bidders for the implementation of 100KLD Septage Treatment Plant on DEO contract basis being implemented by Kannur Corporation.

Date from which e-tender schedule will be available in the site - **19/01/2023 6.00PM**
Last date of receiving e-tenders - **02/02/2023 6.00PM**
Date of opening e-tender - **04/02/2023 11.00AM**
More details will be available from the websites www.etenders kerala.gov.in and www.kannurcorporation.lsgkerala.gov.in

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
KANNUR CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
PWD ZONE KOTA

No **Dated:**

NIT No. 19/2022-23

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for **Construction of Approach Road on Kharpa ITI Road New Railway Line ROB Km. 75.208 in Distt. Jhalawar** are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 pm, **20.02.2023**. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the **Rajasthan** and http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in website. The approximate value of the procurement is **Rs. 1152.00 lacs**.

(R.K.Soni)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PWD Zone Kota

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) for and on behalf of KFON Limited invites e-Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid I: Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid II: Price Bid) from eligible contractors for the following work under KFON project.
Name of the work: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of ISP Hardware and software for Kerala Fibre Optic Network.
Last date for submission of e-tender: 3:00 pm on 06/02/2023
Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Date: 18/01/2023 Managing Director
Trivandrum Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited

RAJASTHAN MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, JAIPUR
(DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION)
Govind Marg, Opp. Psychiatric Hospital, Jaipur
No. F.No.6(56)Raj-MES/Store/CT-Scan-Proc./2022/150 Dated: 9/1/2023

Time Extension Notice
NIB No. 54/2022-23

The Schedule of dates for E-Tender Notice inviting No. F.No.6(56)Raj-MES/Store/CT-Scan-Proc/2022/13791 dt. 20/10/2022 (Notice inviting Bid No. 54/2022-23) for the Turnkey Project For Supply & Installation of 128 - Slice Dual Energy CT - Scanner With State Of Art Advanced Technology For Raj - MES Medical Colleges are now being extended as below:-

S. No.	Description	Previous Date & Time	Amended Date & Time
1	Bid Submission End Date	10.01.2023 6.00 PM	24.01.2023 6.00 PM
2	Submission of Demand Draft/ Banker Cheque for Tender Fee, Processing fees and Bid Security Amount (as per applicability) At the office of Director, Rajasthan Medical Education Society, Jaipur	10.01.2023 6.00 PM	24.01.2023 6.00 PM
3	Technical Bid Opening Date	11.01.2023 11.00 AM	25.01.2023 11.00 AM

Above mentioned Detailed tender notice and documents can be seen on website http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in

UBN: MES 2223GLOB00073 **Director**
DIPR/C/826 **Raj-MES**

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No:HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/TND/OPHTHALMIC/48/2022-23 Date: 16-01-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1) Tender Notification No: **HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/TND/ASHA/HBNC KIT/44/2022-23 (IND-1022), Date: 16-01-2023.**
2) Tender Notification No: **HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/TND/OPHTHALMIC/ 48/2022-23 (IND-1023), Date: 16-01-2023.**
3) Tender Notification No: **KSMSCL/DRUGS/RETND/ICA(II)/45/2022-23 (IND-1026), Date: 16-01-2023.**
4) Tender Notification No: **KSMSCL/DRUGS/RETND/NVBDCP(III)/46/2022-23 (IND-1027), Date: 16-01-2023.**

Nation wide Tender is invited through **e-Tendering system** under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders:

1) Tender for Supply of HBNC Kits under Asha Programme.
2) Tender for Supply of Ophthalmic Equipment's under SCP-TSP State Budget.
3) Short term tender for Supply of Inj. Desferrioxamine Mesylate 500mg under State Blood Cell Programme of 2021-22.
4) Short term tender for Supply of Temephos 50% Ec w/w for National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) of 2022-23.

The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement department may participate through e-Tendering system. Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 16-01-2023.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-Procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/- Managing Director
KSMSCL, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4119/Adverto/2022-23

INBRIEF

Six-year-old mule awarded commendation on Army Day

A six-year-old Army mule under the Tezpur-based 4 Corps area that played an important role in lifting vital engineering, ammunition and ration loads during advance winter stocking in 2021 was awarded the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) Commendation on the occasion of Army Day 2023 on January 15. "Mules of animal transport units have been a vital link in logistics chain in remote regions under most challenging conditions. Hoof No. 122, one such Hero awarded COAS Commendation Card on the Army Day," the 4 Corps said. "This mule lifted load of around 6,500 kg and covered a distance of 750 km," the citation issued said. It stated that enduring extremely tiring and inhospitable conditions, Remount Number 4K-509 and unit Hoof Number-122 Mule always stood at the forefront of animal transport convoys from Forward Patrolling Point to Yangtse.

Got vital clues in Rajouri attack case, says J&K DGP

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police on Tuesday claimed to have obtained vital clues to crack the Rajouri attack case, in which seven civilians were killed by militants in twin-attacks in a Hindu-majority Dangri hamlet on January 1 and 2. "The area (of Dangri) is close to the forest and after frequent militant sightings, four-five unsuccessful operations have been launched. As far as the investigation is concerned, we have got some solid clues and the arrests will be made soon. I hope that the success will be achieved soon," J&K Director-General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said. Even as 17 days have passed, the police are yet to name the militant outfit or the attackers who opened indiscriminate fire on the civilian population in the Dangri area of Rajouri district. Meanwhile, Mr. Singh said adequate measures were under way for peaceful Republic Day celebrations in J&K.

SC Bench questions utility of advance medical directive

The court is considering a plea to modify a March 2018 judgment which had upheld passive euthanasia and living wills, but made the process of implementing it cumbersome

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench on Tuesday questioned the utility of executing an advance medical directive, or living will, in India when a person is free to refuse invasive treatment and accept death. A five-judge Bench, led by Justice K.M. Joseph, is considering a plea to modify a March 2018 judgment which upheld passive euthanasia and advance directives, but made the process of implementing it cumbersome.

The Bench queried when such a directive should be implemented. There were cases when the mind had overridden the limitations of the body and comatose persons had returned to normalcy. The court pointed to the case of renowned physicist Stephen Hawking, who despite the daunting diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, lived till 76. "Does a coma always precede a full stop [death]? Does a comatose condition always lead to death," Justice Joseph asked senior advocate Arvind Datar.

> Does a coma always precede a full stop? Does a comatose condition lead to death?... a person has the right to say 'I don't want treatment'.
>
> **JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH**
> Supreme Court

Justice Hrishikesh Roy asked who would decide whether an illness was "critical" or "terminal". The financial background of people in many cases had decided whether a person's illness was "critical" or "terminal".

Justice Ajay Rastogi said advance directives placed a heavy burden on doctors. It is they who had to ultimately say when a patient has gone beyond the point of return.

Justice Joseph said directives operated in a "very narrow realm", when a person was in a "vegetative state" and unable to tell the doctors to stop the treatment. "Otherwise, a person has the right to say 'I don't want treatment'. In rural areas, many people don't even go to hospitals," Justice Joseph said.

Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj said a directive could be given for a "specific illness in a specific situation". The court said it focussed on three aspects of an advance directive – its contents, the method in which such a directive should be recorded without the danger of tampering, and its implementation. The court said whatever it may do would only be stop-gap until the legislature came up with a law.

'BJP MP opened emergency door of flight at airport'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI/ NEW DELHI

IndiGo says a passenger accidentally opened the emergency exit while the boarding process was on

BJP MP Tejasvi Surya found himself at the centre of yet another controversy after it emerged that he had opened the emergency exit door on an IndiGo flight from Chennai to Tiruchirapalli last month.

A co-passenger *The Hindu* spoke to confirmed that Mr. Surya was on the ATR 72 aircraft on the window seat at the front, which had the emergency exit.

He was seated next to Tamil Nadu BJP president K. Annamalai.

The incident happened on IndiGo flight 6E 7339 on December 10, 2022, when the cabin crew were giving safety instructions to passengers seated in the emergency row.

An airline spokesperson said, without naming the passenger, that he unknowingly touched the handle on the emergency door as he stood up, which unhinged the latch.

Flight delayed

Party sources confirmed that Mr. Surya and Mr. Annamalai were travelling on the flight to Tiruchi on December 10 to attend an event of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), of which Mr. Surya is the president.

Corroborating the account that the emergency exit was opened by Mr. Surya, the person said that all the passengers had to be deboarded as a result, causing the flight to be delayed by two hours. The passenger said they were told that the emergency exit was "accidentally" opened.

"A passenger accidentally opened the emergency exit while the boarding process was on. The passenger immediately apologised for the action. As per SOP [standard operating procedure], the incident was logged and the aircraft underwent mandatory engineering checks, which led to a delay in the flight's departure," the IndiGo airline said in a statement.

Not reported to DGCA

The airline spokesperson denied that the passengers were deboarded or that the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was called.

It also said that it did not report the incident to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as the incident happened while the aircraft was on ground.

"All appropriate airworthiness actions such as reinstalling the door and pressurisation check were carried out before the release of the aircraft for departure. No safety was compromised," Director-General of Directorate General of Civil Aviation Arun Kumar said.

India, Russia begins manufacturing of AK-203 assault rifles in U.P.'s Amethi

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The joint venture between India and Russia, Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), has started producing AK-203 Kalashnikov assault rifles at Korwa in Uttar Pradesh, according to Alexander Mikheev, Director-General of Rosoboronexport of Russia. Last week, Army chief Gen. Manoj Pande said that the first batch of 5,000 rifles would be delivered to the Army by March.

"Korwa Ordnance Factory in Amethi has produced the first batch of 7.62 mm Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles. The beginning of deliveries to the Indian Army is expected soon," Mr. Mikheev said in a statement on Tuesday.

At the same time, the factory's capacity makes it possible to fully equip the personnel of other law enforcement agencies in India with AK-203 assault rifles, which, due to their high adaptability, are suitable for various operators, he stated, adding that in addition, the joint venture will be able to export to third countries.

Gen. Pande said that the contract for over six lakh AK-203 rifles would be executed by the joint venture over a period of 128 months or close to 10 years.

"Out of this, 70,000 is to come up in a matter of 32 months wherein the indigenous content is required to be in the range of 5% to 70%. Subsequently, we will have completely indigenous AK-203," he stated.

U.S. Secretary to visit India in March

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo will visit India in March. Announcing the visit on Tuesday, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce Arun Venkataraman said that the visit would be a springboard to add further dynamism to bilateral trade.

The announcement comes days after Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal visited Washington D.C. to meet with the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai for the 13th India-U.S. Trade Policy Forum.

India plans 'buffers' in proposed Arunachal project to offset China threat

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Concerns over China's proposed 60,000-MW hydroelectric power dam in Medog, Tibet, are influencing the design of a proposed hydel project in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Still only in the planning stage, a 'pre-feasibility report' on the 11,000-MW project, more than five times the size of the largest such projects in India, was submitted to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for appraisal in December 2022 by the National Hydropower Corporation (NHPC), sources told *The Hindu*.

That the 60,000-MW dam can reduce the natural flow of water in the Brahmaputra, away from India during lean patches, or worse be used to trigger "artificial floods", is a matter of "concern to India," sources said.

The design of the proposed project incorporates a "buffer storage" of nine billion cubic metres (or about 9 billion tonnes of water) during monsoonal flow, said sources connected to the project. This could act as a store of water worth a year's flow that would normally be available from the Brahmaputra or buffer. The Brahmaputra is a 2,880-km transborder river that originates in the Mansarovar lake and flows 1,700 km within Tibet, 920 km in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam and 260 km in Bangladesh. It accounts for nearly 30% of freshwater resources and 40% of India's hydropower potential. Diverting its flow could mean agricultural impacts downstream in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

"The project is primarily meant to manage flooding in the Brahmaputra, however, we cannot ignore strategic aspects and this is one way to counter any potential threats," a person involved with the project told *The Hindu*.

'Not strategic deterrent'

An independent expert said that India's hydropower projects would not necessarily serve as a strategic deterrent to China.

"A large dam in India may help control floods but might open fresh disputes over water sharing with Bangladesh. It will be beneficial if all three countries agreed to share information on the flow of water," Rajiv Ranjan, Adjunct Faculty, Institute of China Studies, told *The Hindu*.

Nepal temple to gift stones to carve Ram idol in Ayodhya

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Two *shilas* (stones), around seven feet long and weighing over 350 tonnes, from the Kali Gandaki river in Nepal are set to arrive in Ayodhya, where they will be used to carve the idol of Lord Ram, said the priests from Janaki temple (Janakpur) in Nepal.

In Ayodhya, there is still no clarity if the stones from Nepal will be used to build the idol, said an official from the temple trust.

A group of priests, local leaders and residents of the Beni Municipality gathered on the banks of the Kali Gandaki river in Myagdi district in Nepal on Sunday to perform a puja for the Himalayan stones.

Holy purpose: The two stones, weighing around 350 tonnes, from river Kali Gandaki will be sent to Ayodhya. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mahant Ramtapeshwar Das, chief of the Janaki temple, told *The Hindu* the huge pieces of stones were identified by experts after spending weeks on the ground. "The shortlisted stones, [weighing] around 350 tonnes, will be taken to Ayodhya as a gift. The stones would reach before the month-end," he said.

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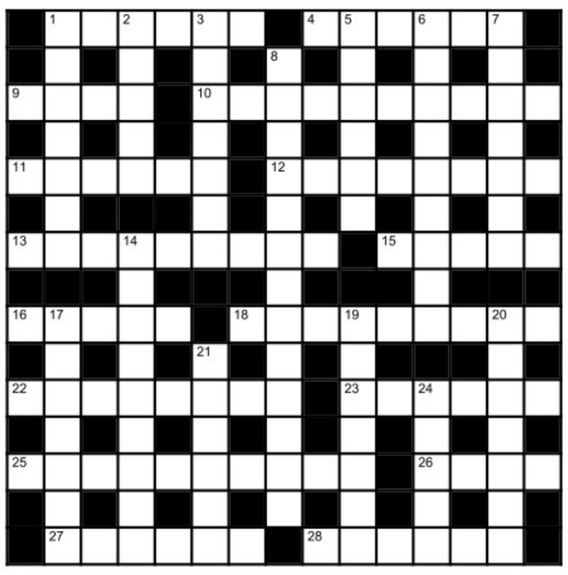

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Down

1 Having chickpeas in Delhi right before afternoon, got a disease (7)
2 Position of Supreme Court on English nationals is edifying primarily (5)
3 Contract to sailor; free government employment first (7)
5 Allow animal at hospital ward (6)
6 Cross that Reliance Engineering has taken over Tesla (9)
7 Waste parking top bike in shed (7)
8 A sheet covering professional side's match in the neighbourhood (13)
14 So other fee collected to arrest republican (9)
17 Bishop released from trenches, hurt at the head earlier and thighs (7)
19 A military installation taken over by soldiers in response (7)
20 Freight vehicle, tesla procured by a company (7)
21 The French know the occupant (6)
24 Winters at the end can get pitch-dark (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The greatness of Ramayana

Those who develop attachment to the materialistic world alone develop anger and lustful desires. This mortal coil is perishable and not permanent. Saints and seers fixed their mind only to the soul.

Sage Valmiki, known for his rigorous penance, was afraid whether he could write the Sri Ramayana because he had censured a hunter who had killed a bird that was with its mate. The sage was in an unbearable depression, fearing he had lost his spiritual powers. But Brahma, the God of Creation, said that it was for good only, and the sage was consoled.

The essence of the four Vedas came out in the words of Valmiki as the Ramayana. The letter Ra encompassing the Rigveda, Ma – Samaveda, Ya – Yajurveda, and Na – Atharvanaveda. Like precious pearls, gems and corals lay hidden deep in the sea, the Ramayana is studded with many concepts and principles, and we have to learn them from our elders.

When Rama entered the forest, the sages pleaded for help in being freed of the disturbance caused by Rakshasas. They requested Rama to save them in the way a foetus is well-protected in the womb of a mother. Rama told the sages that they could easily destroy the Rakshasas through the power of their penance. But the sages said that their meditation would be wasted, which they did not want.

The story was about Lord Rama, written by the great sage Valmiki, and told by Lava and Kucha at the venue where Rama performed the Aswamedha yaga – thus it's considered the greatest of all, Sri Anantha Padmanabhachariar said in a discourse.

HANOI

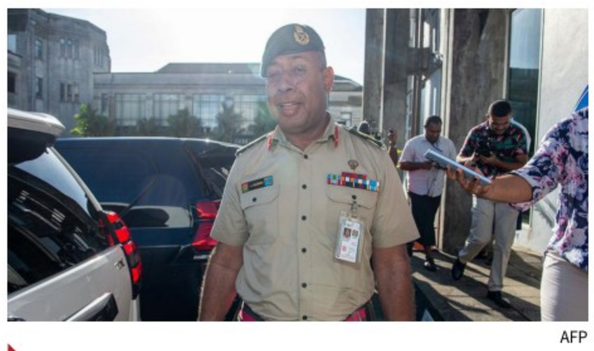
Vietnam President resigns amid major anti-corruption purge

REUTERS

Vietnam President Nguyen Xuan Phuc has resigned after days of rumours he was about to be sacked as part of an anti-corruption drive that has seen several ministers fired. The Communist Party held him responsible for wrongdoing by Ministers during his 2016-2021 stint as Prime Minister, before he became President. AFP

SUVA

Fiji military warns of 'concern' over new Prime Minister's reforms



AFP

Fiji's military chief warned that reforms under new Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka could violate the Constitution, but also pledged to respect the law and "stand with democracy". Fiji has been shaken by four coups in the past 35 years, and the possibility of military intervention loomed over a tight general election last month. AFP

ANKARA

Turkey's Cavusoglu to visit NATO partner U.S. amid troubled ties

AP

Turkey and the U.S. will try to smooth out a series of disagreements between the NATO allies when the Turkish Foreign Minister visits Washington this week. Mevlut Cavusoglu departs on Tuesday for a meeting on Wednesday with U.S. counterpart Antony Blinken on a rare visit by a top Turkish official. AP

BERLIN

Greta Thunberg carried away by police at German mine protest

AFP

The police in western Germany carried Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg and other protesters away on Tuesday from the edge of an open coal pit mine where they demonstrated against the ongoing destruction of a village to make way for the mine's expansion, German news agency dpa reported. AP

In a landmark shift, China's population declines in 2022

India will overtake China as world's most population nation this year. The number of births in China was 9.56 million, a more than 10% drop from 2021. The number of deaths was 10.41 million

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's population declined by 850,000 in 2022, the first such fall since a nationwide famine in 1961, marking a landmark demographic shift for the world's second-largest economy.

The National Bureau of Statistics in Beijing on Tuesday said the national population stood at 1.411 billion at the end of 2022. India will overtake China as the world's most populous nation in 2023, according to a UN report released last year.

The number of births in China was 9.56 million, a more than 10% drop from 2021. The number of deaths was 10.41 million.

If the last population drop six decades ago was a result of a devastating famine caused by Mao Zedong's failed "Great Leap Forward" campaign, the current trends reflect changing social values in China as families choose to have fewer children.

Government campaigns over the past decade to boost birth rates – a U-turn from years of a harsh "one-child policy" – have failed to reverse the trend. In 2021, Beijing's family planning authority for the first time allowed couples to have a third child. The move came five years after a "two-child policy" had been introduced to boost birth rates. A government survey carried out at the time of the introduction of the two-child policy found 70% of respondents cited financial reasons, including costs of education, healthcare and housing, to not have many children.

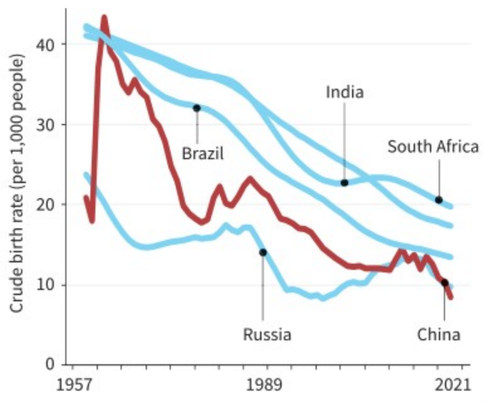
Tuesday's numbers also underlined the challenges the country faces in navigating an ageing society as its workforce shrinks. The 16-59 working age population, as of the end of 2022, was 875.56 million or 62% of the total, down from over 950 million in 2010. The above-60 population accounted for 280 million or 19.8% of the total, up from 249 million in 2010.

Asked about China, which saw its economic growth boom over four decades driven by a large labour force, now losing its status as the world's most populous nation, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said "China and India are countries with a big population and we have ample resources in the working force." "This is a strong internal dynamic for economic development," he said. "We both also have a large market. The two countries should take advantage of their population dividend for each other's respective national development and make a greater contribution."

Highs and lows

China's crude birth rate was the highest among all BRICS nations in 1963 but declined rapidly to become the lowest in 2020

Population decline: China's family planning policy was relaxed allowing couples to have more children after it strangled birth rate in the country



NGOs partially resume activities in Afghanistan with women workers

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

At least three leading international aid agencies have partially resumed life-saving work in Afghanistan after assurances from the Taliban authorities that Afghan women can continue to work in the health sector.

Hundreds of NGOs have been instrumental in trying to address one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, with half of Afghanistan's 38 million people hungry and three million children at risk of malnutrition.

CARE, Save the Children, and International Rescue Committee suspended their operations in late December in protest against a government order banning Afghan women from aid work.

"We have received clear, reliable assurances that our female staff will be safe and can work without obstruction," Save the Children said in a statement, confirming they had resumed work in the health sector in the past few days.

"However, with the overarching ban still in place, our other activities where we do not have reliable assurances that our female colleagues can work, remain on hold."

Losing face: Following the Taliban's directive, mannequin' s heads are covered in a women's dress store in Kabul. AP

Nepal crash: 2 more bodies found, search on for last one

Press Trust of India
KATHMANDU

Nepalese authorities on Tuesday started handing over to family members the bodies of those killed, two days after Yeti Airlines' aircraft with 72 people, including five Indians, crashed in the resort city of Pokhara, as the death toll rose to 71.

As two more bodies were recovered from the accident site on Tuesday, the total number of confirmed dead has climbed to 71.

One person was still missing and the search operation is continuing to retrieve the last body.

Both the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder were recovered on Monday.

Pakistan's election panel suspends 271 lawmakers

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's top election body has suspended the membership of 271 lawmakers across the country for not submitting their statements of assets and liabilities.

The statements have to be filed by December 31 every year, and the lawmakers were directed by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to submit their financial statements up to June 30, 2022, by January 16, 2023. It also warned that failing to submit the financial statements would result in the suspension of their respective memberships.

The ECP said on Monday that those targeted include 136 Members of the National Assembly, 21 Senators, and 114 Members of Provincial Assemblies.

As opposed to the 35 Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) and three Senators who had failed to submit their statement of assets to the ECP by last year's deadline of January 16, the number was significantly higher this year due to resignation by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lawmakers from the National Assembly.

Pakistan Speaker accepts resignations of 34 PTI members

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

In a surprise move, Pakistan's National Assembly Speaker on Tuesday accepted the resignations of 34 lawmakers of the Opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party as the political tension further deepened in the country.

As many as 123 lawmakers of ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan's party had decided to quit the parliament immediately after he was removed from power through a no-trust vote in April last year.

However, Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf had accepted resignations of only 11 of them in July while insisting that the remaining lawmakers would be summoned individually for verification.

In an unexpected move, he accepted 35 more resignations, including 34 belonging to Mr. Khan's party and one that of Sheikh Rashid Ahmad of Awami Muslim League – an ally of Mr. Khan.

The ECP in its notification stated that the lawmakers were de-notified "with immediate effect".

The development came a day after the 70-year-old Mr. Khan hinted to return

Imran Khan

to the National Assembly for consultation with the Treasury Benches "on an interim set-up to be installed after the dissolution" of the lower House of parliament.

The ruling alliance had welcomed the announcement by Mr. Khan but the acceptance of resignations showed that the government wanted to reduce the strength of PTI in the lower house as Mr. Khan had also threatened to test Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif with a no-trust vote.

Zulfi Bukhari of PTI said that the Speaker had claimed he couldn't accept the resignations collectively but acted differently.

"Imran Khan thinks of re-entering the National Assembly to seek a vote of no-confidence against Shehbaz Sharif. Within minutes there's a mass acceptance," he said.

EU chief takes on U.S., China over clean tech policies

Agence France-Presse
DAVOS

The EU's chief announced ambitious plans on Tuesday to challenge China and the U.S. in the race for clean-tech industries, as a battle over green trade emerged at the World Economic Forum.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen slammed what she described as "aggressive attempts" to convince Europe's clean technology operations to relocate to China through cheap labour and more lenient regulations.

She also renewed European concerns over the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act, a climate subsidy package worth around $370 billion.

Chinese Vice Premier Liu He called for an end to the "Cold War mentality" and repeated Beijing's opposition to "unilateralism and protectionism".

The war in Ukraine remained a key topic of discussion at the WEF.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who is set to appear in person on Wednesday, faced pressure from his EU partners to authorise the export of German-made tanks to Ukraine.

INBRIEF

Brakes India unveils 'motor on drum' brakes for cars

Brakes India, a TSF Group company, unveiled 'motor on drum' brakes for the passenger car segment, at the recent Auto Expo 2023 in Greater Noida. The product is completely designed and developed by Brakes India. "We are actively working with customers on the new product development, including on electric vehicles, where we can provide the best-in-class efficiency, light weight and noise-free braking," said Brakes India Managing Director Sriram Viji.

SEBI asks handset maker Lava to refile IPO papers

Capital markets regulator SEBI has returned the draft IPO papers of Lava International and asked the home-grown mobile maker to file documents again with certain updates. Lava had filed the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) in September 2021 to raise funds through an initial share-sale. According to an update on SEBI's website on Tuesday, the regulator had returned the DRHP on January 13, 2023 with an advise to refile it post applicable updates/revisions. PTI

Sagar Cements to acquire debt-ridden Andhra Cements

Sagar Cements has been declared as the successful bidder for debt-ridden Andhra Cements, a company which was owned by the Jaypee Group and is under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process. The Committee of Creditors (CoC) of Andhra Cements has voted with a majority in favour of the resolution plan filed by Sagar Cements Ltd., Andhra Cements said in a regulatory filing. The filing, however, has not disclosed the bid amount. PTI

China GDP rose 3% in 2022 as COVID lockdowns, surge hurt consumption

Growth decelerated to the second-slowest pace since 1976, with Q4 registering a 2.9% expansion as the country dealt with a sweeping increase in COVID-19 infections; govt. committed to 'make economic stability its top priority', says head of the NBS

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's economy grew 3% in 2022, the second-slowest pace of growth since the last year of Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution in 1976, with the last quarter seeing a slide in growth as the country dealt with a sweeping COVID-19 surge.

Growth was the slowest since the 2.2% expansion in pandemic-hit 2020 and followed the smart 8.4% rebound logged in 2021.

The GDP grew to 121.02 trillion yuan ($17.84 trillion) in 2022, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Tuesday, from 114.92 trillion yuan in the preceding year.

Wary restart: Since the easing of the 'zero-COVID' policy, China has reported millions of cases hitting retail sales. AFP

China's 'zero-COVID' stance extracted a heavy economic toll last year, before the policy was jettisoned in early December. The economy grew by only 0.4% in the second quarter, which saw a harsh lockdown of the financial capital Shanghai, and other cities. Growth slowed to 2.9% in the last quarter, from 3.9% in Q3.

Infections surge

Since the easing of the 'zero-COVID' policy, China has reported millions of cases as well as more than 60,000 deaths. In December, retail sales, which the government had been banking on to drive growth amid a continued decline in the property sector, shrank 1.8% year-on-year. Investment in real estate contracted 10% last year.

Kang Yi, head of the NBS, said the "economy continued to develop despite downward pressure". And in the coming year the government would "make economic stability its top priority and pursue progress while ensuring stability," he added.

'Centre may trim FY24 fiscal deficit to 6% or lower'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The Centre will stay on the path of fiscal consolidation and opt for narrowing the FY24 fiscal deficit to as low as 5.8% in the upcoming Budget, analysts said.

The target would likely be lower than the 6.4% of GDP budgeted for FY23, they said, pegging it in the 5.8-6% range. "A lower fiscal deficit is key for India's macro stability, especially in an uncertain global environment," HSBC India's chief economist Pranjul Bhandari said in a note.

Real-money gaming firms seek graded KYC, accept draft rules

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Industry executives ask Ministry to allow multiple Self Regulatory Bodies to help ease burden

The real money gaming industry, which includes online rummy and fantasy sports wagering platforms, largely accepted the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's draft online gaming amendment, an industry executive who attended a consultation meeting on Tuesday said.

Trivikraman Thampy, co-founder and CEO, Games24x7, said that executives at the meeting had some suggestions that the government indicated it was open to. "Certain operators suggested that KYC [know your customer requirements] could be done in a graded fashion," as is the case with mobile wallet operators, he said.

Mr. Thampy added that some operators asked that testing requirements on real money gaming platforms – to be done by Self-Regulatory Bodies (SRBs) – be relaxed to allow sandbox testing for unreleased games, as detailed testing can only be done when a game is actually released.

Industry executives at the meeting also asked the Ministry to allow multiple SRBs initially, as it would be challenging to accommodate all gaming firms under a single entity.

Video gaming industry companies had on Monday asked that they be regulated in a different framework from the one being proposed for real-money wagering platforms. The proposed draft amendment to the IT Rules, 2021, currently covers only the latter.

The Centre on Tuesday extended the last day for comments on the draft amendment by one week to January 25.

SEBI mulls new facility to protect investor funds

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator SEBI proposed to introduce a blocking-of-funds facility for trading in secondary markets, aimed at safeguarding investors' money from misuse and default by stock brokers.

In its consultation paper, SEBI said the facility would allow investors to trade in secondary markets based on blocked funds in one's bank account, thereby eliminating the need to transfer funds to stock broker.

Adani, Ballard, ALL sign pact for hydrogen fuel e-trucks

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL) said it has signed an agreement with Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL) and Ballard Power of Canada to start a pilot project to develop a hydrogen fuel cell electric truck for mining logistics and transportation.

Ballard, an industry leading PEM fuel cell engine manufacturer, would supply the FCmoveTM fuel cell engine for the hydrogen truck while Ashok Leyland would provide the vehicle platform and technical support.

The FCET is scheduled to be introduced in India in 2023, Adani said.

SFL bags $250-mn EV sub-assembly order

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

SFL plans to invest ₹200 cr. to support new order under a six-year-long purchase package

Chennai-based Sundram Fasteners Ltd. (SFL) has bagged a $250-million contract from a leading global automobile manufacturer for the supply of sub-assemblies for its electric vehicle (EV) platform.

"The $250-million supply contract, one of the largest in India, is a further testimony to our commitment to manufacture and supply high-quality industry-leading products such as sub assemblies, which are used widely in various segments of the EV sector," Arathi Krishna, MD, said.

She also said that this order would spur the expansion of SFL's global business as it continues to work on its strategic roadmap for the future. SFL plans to invest ₹200 crore to support the new orders under a six-year-long purchase package.

SFL will ship the parts from its powertrain divisions at Mahindra World City and Sri City. They will be serviced from SFL's warehouse in North America.

The sub-assemblies would be used in EV models such as mild hybrid, plug-in hybrid and battery EVs, covering various segments, including mid-size trucks, SUVs and sedans.

Wheels India exports flow form cast alloy wheels to U.S.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Wheels India Ltd. has started exporting flow form cast alloy wheels to the U.S. market.

Flow form is one of the most advanced manufacturing technologies in the wheel industry and would be introduced in the Indian market soon, the firm said in a statement.

"The Flow Form Technology is lighter, stronger, has increased elongation and a much greater shock resistance over a traditional cast wheel," said Srivats Ram, MD of the company.

"This is likely to increase mileage, safety and longevity," he added.

Centre cuts windfall tax on oil, export of diesel, ATF

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government has reduced the windfall profit tax levied on domestically-produced crude oil as well as on the export of diesel and ATF, in line with softening international oil prices, according to an official order.

The levy on crude oil produced by companies such as ONGC has been cut to ₹1,900 per tonne from ₹2,100 per tonne, the order, dated January 16, said.

The government has also cut the tax on export of diesel to ₹5 per litre (₹6.5) and on overseas shipments of ATF to ₹3.5 a litre (₹4.5).

Textile, apparel exports ebb in April-Dec. on 'cotton price rise'

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Share of textiles and apparel in the total merchandise exports slid to 8.7% from 9.8% in Dec. 2021

India's total textile and apparel exports for April-December 2022 contracted almost 11.6%, according to the data available.

In December, exports shrank 21.5%. Shipments of cotton yarn, cotton fabrics, made-ups and handloom products declined 40.4% year-on-year in December.

Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council ED-Siddhartha Rajagopal said high cotton price was one of the prime reasons for the decline in exports, among other factors.

The import duty on cotton should be removed so that India does not lose its competitiveness in the global textile and apparel trade, he suggested.

According to The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry, share of textiles and apparel in the total merchandise exports from the country declined to 8.73% in December 2022 from 9.77% a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the exports of readymade garments registered a marginal growth of 1.02% in December compared with the year-earlier period.

According to the data, export of readymade garments last month was worth $1.48 billion against $1.46 billion in December 2021. In rupee terms, the exports were worth ₹12,214 crore in December 2022, registering 10.53% year-on-year growth.

Apparel exports contracted during July to October but rose 11.8% in November, the data showed.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,656	0.94
US Dollar	81.70	-0.13
Gold	56,680	-0.04
Brent oil	86.3	2.33

NIFTY 50

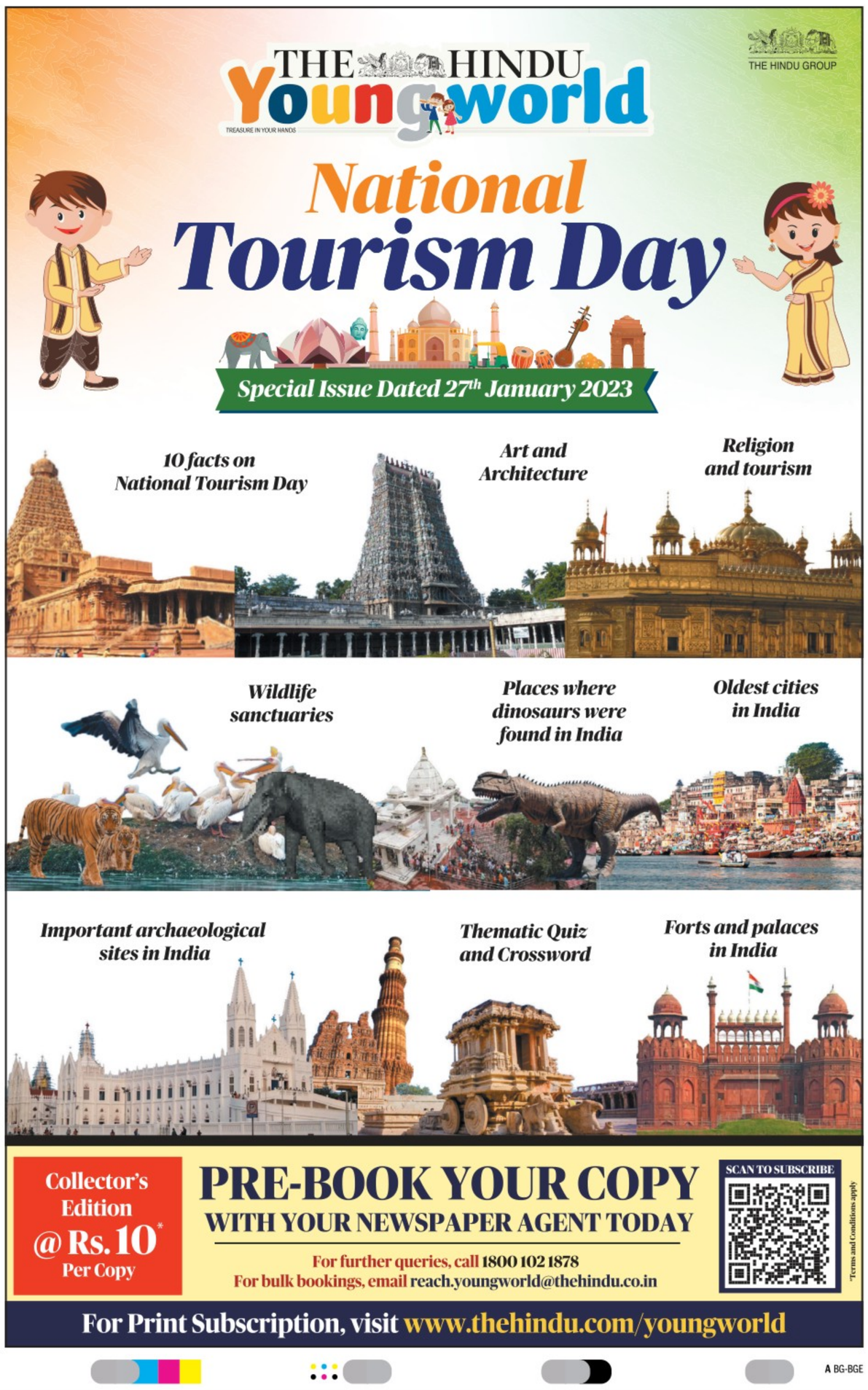
	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3639.35	19.55
Adani Ports	784.75	-2.30
Apollo Hosp	4322.85	28.20
Asian Paints	2940.90	24.85
Axis Bank	917.70	4.55
Bajaj Auto	3606.95	23.80
Bajaj Finserv	1372.90	-11.00
Bajaj Finance	5984.95	-25.95
Bharti Airtel	765.70	6.55
BPCL	348.40	-0.55
Britannia Ind	4362.05	52.45
Cipla	1069.10	9.50
Coal India	213.10	-0.65
Divis Lab	3347.40	14.20
Dr Reddys Lab	4351.75	25.70
Eicher Motors	3179.95	40.90
Grasim Ind	1660.70	12.20
HCL Tech	1111.05	17.35
HDFC	2640.65	45.85
HDFC Bank	1608.90	23.60
HDFC Life	609.45	5.25
Hero MotoCorp	2766.85	8.25
Hindalco	487.90	4.85
Hind Unilever	2667.55	70.45
ICICI Bank	865.15	-0.10
IndusInd Bank	1230.35	-8.90
Infosys	1539.50	14.00
ITC	332.25	2.05
JSW Steel	757.50	-1.70
Kotak Bank	1797.65	12.85
L&T	2213.10	75.90
M&M	1320.85	5.25
Maruti Suzuki	8479.35	99.25
NestleIndia	19945.75	210.15
NTPC	167.70	1.75
ONGC	147.85	0.25
PowerGrid Corp	218.40	2.75
Reliance Ind	2478.80	34.70
SBI Life	1298.45	-2.45
State Bank	592.95	-10.05
Sun Pharma	1032.70	-2.75
TataConsumerProduct	750.05	2.80
Tata Motors	415.30	2.30
Tata Steel	119.35	-0.60
TCS	3378.40	44.35
Tech Mahindra	1046.05	11.60
Titan	2407.95	2.10
UltraTech Cement	7377.65	92.80
UPL	719.20	5.15
Wipro	396.35	-2.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 17

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.56	81.88
Euro	88.20	88.56
British Pound	99.53	99.92
Japanese Yen (100)	63.23	63.48
Chinese Yuan	12.05	12.10
Swiss Franc	88.33	88.68
Singapore Dollar	61.59	61.85
Canadian Dollar	60.69	60.96
Malaysian Ringitt	18.85	18.92
Australian Dollar	56.55	56.82

Source:Indian Bank



GOOD NEWS

India gets a positive update on Hardik Singh's injury

The Indian team had some good news on Hardik Singh's injury with the player walking around with no visible pain. After watching his teammates practice, the youngster left to work on his strengthening. "It appears to be a strain, there is no tear or serious injury. Let's see, maybe I will have to sit out one game," Hardik said.

AN EXTRA

12 Japanese players on the field against South Korea

The FIH on Tuesday took note of the fact there were 12 Japanese players, instead of a maximum of 11, on the pitch during the closing stages of their match against South Korea here. Japan had substituted its goalkeeper in the closing moments. The FIH is investigating the issue.

NOT ME!

Tennis player denies using fake COVID-19 travel certificate

Italian tennis player Camila Giorgi has denied allegations that she obtained a false COVID-19 vaccine certificate to allow her to travel. A doctor is under investigation in Italy for supplying false certificates and fake vaccines and Giorgi's name was revealed in a long list of people implicated by an Italian newspaper.

SOLID SUPPORT

Djokovic given rapturous welcome on his return to Australian Open

Serbian flags waved and Rod Laver Arena rose to give Novak Djokovic a rapturous welcome back to the Australian Open on Tuesday, a year after he was kicked out of the country. Australian Open organisers have said any fans targeting Djokovic would be slapped with potential tournament bans.

Belgium, Germany share points in a keenly contested match

In a duel that swung from side to side, the Red Lions survive a scare as the encounter witnesses heated moments; South Korea rallies to defeat a determined Japan 2-1 to keep its chances alive in the tournament

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

Germany and Belgium fought neck and neck to play out an exciting 2-2 draw in a Pool-B match of the Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium here on Tuesday.

In a duel that swung from side to side, World and Olympic champion Belgium survived a scare before sharing points with Germany.

Belgium showed good control in the opening quarter, ensuring 83% ball possession and pressurising Germany. It drew first blood in the 10th minute as Cedric Charlier, despite being challenged by three defenders, stayed calm to shoot home in style.

Germany displayed more purpose and tested the Belgian defence in the second quarter. After showing some promise, Germany found the equaliser when Niklas Wellen hit from the right and seasoned Belgian custodian Vincent Vanasch completely missed the line.

Following an anxious third period, a push from a Belgian defender inside the 'D' gave Germany a penalty stroke and Tom Grambusch made no mistake to tilt the contest in favour of Germany.

Belgium maintained its composure and looked for the equaliser.

With five minutes left on the clock, an unmarked Victor Wegnez scored from the top of the circle to ensure another entertaining draw, which witnessed some heated moments.

First strike: Belgium's Charlier goes past German defenders to open the account for his team. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Staying in the hunt

South Korea rallied to defeat a challenging Japan 2-1 and stay alive in the tournament.

Ken Nagayoshi's second minute penalty corner conversion put Japan ahead, but Korea fought back through excellent field goals from Jungjun Lee to snatch an important win.

Japan pressed hard and earned three short corners around the hooter but could not share the honours.

Goalkeeper Jaehyeon Kim stood out with his exceptional saves.

The results: South Korea 2 (Jungjun Lee 9, 24) bt Japan 1 (Ken Nagayoshi 2).
Germany 2 (Niklas Wellen 23, Tom Grambusch 53-ps) drew with Belgium 2 (Cedric Charlier 10, Victor Wegnez 55).

Hungrier after Olympic snub, Akashdeep seeks redemption

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

Making it count: Akashdeep Singh, right, practising with Mandeep Singh. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Akashdeep Singh has a genuinely warm smile, the kind that assures everything is well with the world.

But it hasn't been easy for the 28-year-old striker with the Indian hockey team; Akashdeep is an aberration. As a striker, he is not flashy; if anything, he has an inherent shyness that ensures the spotlight remains firmly away. Which is perhaps one of the reasons he has not got as much credit as he deserves for his performances and got more than his share of criticism every time something goes wrong.

Still relatively young but with a decade-long career and multiple medals at the Asian and Commonwealth Games, Akashdeep is among the senior most players in the current side.

"As you grow, juniors start joining and you need some time to bring an understanding with them. But we stay in camps and spend a lot of time together, so there are no problems," he tells *The Hindu* post training on Tuesday.

The high and the low

Making his national team debut as an 18-year-old in 2012 and quickly cementing his place, Akashdeep was India's top-scorer at the 2014 World Cup and was named the Hockey India League's best young player and Hockey India's Forward of the Year. But for someone who was a permanent fixture in the Indian side all these years, being dropped for the Tokyo Olympics was a huge shocker.

"It is very, very difficult to accept a decision like that because when you start playing as a kid, your only dream is to play the Olympics, the World Cup and win medals.

"When it happened to me, it was not easy but I still had a meeting with the coach back then and promised him I would work on the things he had mentioned and prove myself all over again on the field," Akashdeep revealed.

"I worked a lot on the coach's reasons for not getting picked for Tokyo – off the ball work, defensive play and running all the way back into out own circle to defend – and it is giving results," he explains in perhaps the first time reasons for his being dropped for Tokyo have been made public.

Replying with just a wry laugh when asked if he will regret the Olympics miss forever, Akashdeep insists the focus now is only the World Cup.

"Of course there is individual hunger, but the entire team's aim is to do something special this time.

"Everyone has the same target, a medal. Everything else can wait," he declares.

Sindhu exits, Saina survives; Lakshya sends Prannoy packing

INDIA OPEN

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal are fighting demons from within. After all, injury and fitness issues prevented the two women from having a memorable 2022.

On Tuesday, their return to the $900,000 Yonex-Sunrise India Open provided further evidence of the duo lacking peak fitness needed to make progress in a field of this quality.

For the second successive year, Supanida Katethong proved the reason for Sindhu's premature exit from the Open. In 45 minutes, the Thai overpowered an erratic Sindhu 21-14, 22-20 after leading right through the first game.

In the second, Sindhu battled from a 12-17 deficit to lead 20-19. But thereafter, Supanida won two reviews in succession to leave Sindhu to deal with her earliest departure from the premier event.

Sindhu's tentative and inconsistent defence combined with the inability to read Supanida's tight net clearances spelt her doom. Clearly, Sindhu is far from peak fitness and a lot of work needs to be done on that front.

Cashing in: Supanida overpowered an erratic Sindhu in straight games. R.V. MOORTHY

After Sindhu's exit, it was almost a double blow for the vociferous crowd when Saina Nehwal trailed by four points late in the decider against Denmark's Mia Blichfeldt.

Despite looking a pale shadow of her best, Saina managed to battle back from 14-17 to win seven of the last nine points to pull off a 21-17, 12-21, 21-19 victory in 63 minutes. This was Saina's first win over the Dane in three matches.

Earlier, in a battle of two former World champions, Carolina Marin packed off Nozomi Okuhara in straight games. Before Okuhara, her compatriot and two-time former World champion Kento Momota opened the singles' casualty list after running into Denmark's Rasmus Gemke.

On a day when Lakshya Sen avenged the loss suffered to H.S. Prannoy in last week's Malaysia Open with a straight games win in just 45 minutes and the doubles combinations of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty and P. Gayatri-Treesa Jolly advanced in contrasting styles, the top-seeded Japanese men's pair of Takuro Hoki-Yug Kobayashi suffered a shock loss to Korea's Kang Min Hyuk and Seo Seung Jae.

Leading first-round results:
Men: Lakshya Sen bt H.S. Prannoy 21-14, 21-15; Rasmus Gemke (Den) bt Kento Momota (Jpn) 21-15, 21-11.
Doubles: Kang Min Hyuk & Seo Seung Jae (Kor) bt Takuro Hoki & Yugo Kobayashi (Jpn) 21-13, 21-18; Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty bt Christopher Grimley & Matthew Grimlay (Sco) 21-13, 21-15; Krishna Prasad & Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala bt Ruben Jille & Tie van der Lecq (Ned) 21-11, 23-25, 21-9.
Women: Carolina Marin (Esp) bt Nozomi Okuhara (Jpn) 21-13, 21-11; Saina Nehwal bt Mia Blichfeldt (Den) 21-17, 12-21, 21-19; Supanida Katethong (Tha) bt P.V. Sindhu 21-14, 22-20.
Doubles: Treesa Jolly & P. Gayatri bt Margot Lambert & Anne Tran (Fra) 22-20, 17-21, 21-18; Linda Efler & Isabel Lohau (Ger) bt Sikki Reddy & Shruti Mishra 21-17, 21-19; Zhang Shu Xian & Zheng Yu (Chn) bt Hantha Manazhiyil & Ashna Roy 21-4, 21-2.
Mixed doubles: Robin Tabeling & Selena Piek (Ned) bt Ishan Bhatnagar & Tanisha Crasto 21-11, 21-12.

Veteran Murray bounces back to oust Berrettini; Djokovic advances

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic enjoyed a rousing reception on a winning return to the Australian Open on Tuesday and Andy Murray rolled back the years to stun Matteo Berrettini in a classic.

On a day of bans on Russian and Belarusian flags and weather-induced disruption, two of the sport's biggest names belatedly brought the focus back on tennis.

Against the backdrop of chants of "Nole", Djokovic sent Spain's 75th-ranked Roberto Carballes Baena packing at Rod Laver Arena, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0, to surge into round two.

"Thank you for giving me such a welcoming reception that I could only dream of," said Djokovic, who is chasing a record-equalling 22nd major title.

Running hot

Prior to that, the day had belonged to another 35-year-old in Murray – and Melbourne's famously fickle weather.

Gritty display: Murray gave it his all to prevail in a five-set thriller against Berrettini. REUTERS

The Briton saved match point to defeat Italy's 13th seed Berrettini 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-7(7), 7-6(10/6) in 4hrs 49mins at Rod Laver Arena, where the roof was closed because of the extreme heat.

"I will be feeling this this evening and tomorrow," said the former World No. 1, who plays with a metal hip after career-saving surgery. "But right now unbelievably happy and proud of myself."

Also in the men's draw, Norwegian second seed Casper Ruud battled through to the second round with a 6-3, 7-6(6), 6-7 (5), 6-3 defeat of Tomas Machac.

Eighth-seeded Taylor Fritz, 12th seed Alexander Zverev and ninth seed Holger Rune all rolled into the next round.

The women's draw threw up no real shocks. Tunisia's second seed Ons Jabeur, runner-up at Wimbledon and the U.S Open last year, was far from her fluent best but eventually defeated Slovenia's Tamara Zidansek.

Caroline Garcia and Aryna Sabalenka – fourth and fifth seeds respectively – had it easier as they swept into the second round.

Fallen seeds
Men: 13-Berrettini, 26-Kecmanovic
Women: 21-Trevisan, 31-Kanepi

IMPORTANT RESULTS

First round: Men: 5-Rublev (Rus) bt Thiem (Aut) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; 25-Evans (GBr) bt Bagnis (Arg) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; 9-Rune (Den) bt Krajinovic (Srb) 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; 14-Carreno Busta (Esp) bt Cachin (Arg) 7-6(4), 6-1, 7-6(3); 22-De Minaur (Aus) bt Hsu (Tpe) 6-2, 6-2, 6-3; 27-Dimitrov (Bul) bt Karatsev (Rus) 7-6(3), 7-5, 6-2; 4-Djokovic (Srb) bt Baena (Esp) 6-3, 6-4, 6-0; 8-Fritz (USA) bt Basilashvili (Geo) 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; Jarry (Chi) bt 26-Kecmanovic (Srb) 6-3, 6-4, 7-6(3); 23-Schwartzman (Arg) bt Krutykh (Ukr) 6-4, 6-7(6), 6-3, 7-6(5); 12-Zverev (Ger) bt Varillas (Per) 4-6, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6(3), 6-4; Murray (GBr) bt 13-Berrettini (Ita) 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-7(7), 7-6(10-6); 30-Fokina (Esp) bt Bublik (Kaz) 6-0, 6-7(3), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; 2-Ruud (Nor) bt Machac (Cze) 6-3, 7-6(6), 6-7(5), 6-3.
Women: 30-Pliskova (Cze) bt Wang (Chn) 6-1, 6-3; 9-Kudermetova (Rus) bt Zanevska (Bel) 6-2, 7-6(4); 16-Kontaveit (Est) bt Grabher (Aut) 6-2, 6-3; 19-Alexandrova (Rus) bt Bonaventure (Bel) 6-2, 6-1; 4-Garcia (Fra)bt Sebov (Can) 6-3, 6-0; 5-Sabalenka (Blr) bt Martincova (Cze) 6-1, 6-4; 26-Mertens (Bel) bt Muguruza (Esp) 3-6, 7-6(3), 6-1; Schmiedlova (Svk) bt 21-Trevisan (Ita) 6-3, 6-2; 12-Bencic (Sui) bt Tomova (Bul) 6-1, 6-2; 18-Samsonova (Rus) bt Paolini (Ita) 6-2, 6-4; Birrell (Aus) bt 31-Kanepi (Est) 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-1; 2-Jabeur (Tun) bt Zidansek (Slo) 7-6(8), 4-6, 6-1.

INBRIEF

Saivarun and Aravind slam huge, unbeaten double tons

Mammoth double-centuries from G.K. Saivarun (247 n.o., 36x4) and G. Aravind (277 n.o., 42x4) helped Gopalan National School amass 549 runs without loss in the allotted 50 overs and then beat Vidyaniketan School by a humongous 486-run margin in the BTR Shield Under-14 (Group I) first division tournament in Bengaluru.

The scores: Gopalan National School 549 for no loss in 50 overs (G.K. Saivarun 247 n.o., G. Aravind 277 n.o.) bt Vidyaniketan School 63 in 29.5 overs.
DPS, East 252/8 in 50 overs (Arjun Aravind Potti 29, N.S. Shaurya 32, R. Nithin 57, Nikith Girish 28, Akshaj Kathuria 27 n.o., Raghav Vyas 3/43) bt BGS NPS 202 in 46.2 overs (Ayush M. Patil 88, Raghav Vyas 25 n.o., Arush Jain 3/34, N.S. Shaurya 3/27).
School Vivekananda 76 in 22 overs (Mohammad Rayan 6/23) lost to Holy Saint English School 65 for no loss in eight overs.
Jain Heritage School 131 in 43.1 overs lost to Max Muller HS 132/4 in 26.3 overs (Nihaal Khan 28, M. Jayan Samyog 51 n.o.).
Sri Kumaran Children's Home 144/4 in 50.0 overs (M. Tejas 55 n.o., Abhinav Nag 38 n.o.) lost to Bishop Cotton Boys School 145/3 in 21 overs (Abhinav Jha 27, TNV Siddharth 29, Arav Prasad 39 n.o., Padam Nahata 26 n.o.).
Presidency School, RT Nagar 179 in 48.4 overs (M.S. Kunal 28, Adarsh Rathod 38, Omkar 58, Viraaj Gaurav 3/31, Rithvik Kulasekar 3/14) bt Ebenezer IS 141 in 44.1 overs (Bryan Thomas 38, Mohammed Shamsheer 4/25, Omkar 3/11).
DPS, South 97 in 32.3 overs (Dhruv Santhosh Rao 29, P. Rithesh 3/38, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 4/20) lost to DPS, North 100/2 in 12.4 overs (D. Chiranth 23, Udgeet S. Nandan 64 n.o.).
Mallya Aditi IS 120 in 35.4 overs (Yashas Giri Shankar 35, Anvay Dravid 42, J. Sukruth 4/26, Khush Kumar 5/230 lost to St. Joseph's BHS 124/5 in 27.1 overs (Ikkurthi Lakshmi Venkata Sai Raghavendra 35).

HMT pips Hassan HC in KSHA A-division league

Teswin scored twice as HMT edged Hassan HC 3-2 in the KSHA A-division league in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The result: HMT 3 (Jaswanth 24, Teswin 36, 41) bt Hassan HC 2 (Shrikanth 22, K. Lokesh 39).

Indian women's hockey team swamps South Africa

Rani Rampal, returning to the side since playing against Belgium in the FIH Women's Hockey Pro League 2021-22, scored a goal as India crushed South Africa 5-1 in the first 'Test' of the four-match hockey series in Cape Town on Monday.

The result: South Africa 1 (Quanita Bobbs 44) lost to India 5 (Rani Rampal 12, Monika 20, Navneet Kaur 24, Gurjit Kaur 25, Sangita Kumari 30).

LIVE TELECAST

Australian Open: Sony Ten 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
India vs New Zealand: 1st ODI, : Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Red-hot India will be keen to sustain its dominance against New Zealand at home

Ishan Kishan replaces the injured Shreyas Iyer in the middle-order; depleted visitor cannot afford slip-ups if it is to stop a top-heavy batting unit

NZ IN INDIA

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

'King' Kohli will be the cynosure of all eyes as Rohit Sharma-led India takes on New Zealand, fresh from its maiden ODI series win in Pakistan, in the first of the three-match Mastercard ODI series at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Wednesday.

With Kohli announcing his return to century-scoring spree with two tons against Sri Lankans in the just-concluded ODI series, the Black Caps could find it tough to keep him under check for sure.

Welcome opportunity: Ishan, in the absence of Shreyas, gets a chance to showcase his prowess in the middle-order. AP

Flamboyant starts

Captain Rohit Sharma, in search of a three-figure knock despite flamboyant starts, and his opening partner Shubman Gill, who has settled down in the slot comfortably with a ton last Sunday, having complemented each other well, the home team can hope for a perfect start.

It should set the stage for Kohli, wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan (set to play in the middle-order according to Rohit instead of the injured Shreyas Iyer) and Hardik Pandya to come to the party. It will be interesting to see whether Suryakumar Yadav finds a place in the eleven or not.

In bowling, pacer Mohammad Siraj is having a dream run and will be playing his first international at home. He should be a major challenge for the visitors, bowling in tandem with the more experienced Mohammed Shami. The home team management has plenty of bowling options depending on whether spin or pace attack should be bolstered.

Big loss

On the other hand, the New Zealanders will miss the experience and class of Kane Williamson in batting and Tim Southee in bowling – both rested as part of workload management for the World Cup later this year. Top-order batters Finn Allen, Devon Conway, Darryl Mitchell, and captain Tom Latham (who played down the order in Pakistan), Michael Bracewell have their task cut.

The explosive Glenn Phillips, whose brilliant assault helped the team clinch the decider against Pakistan, should relish the conditions here as the pitch is expected to live up to the reputation of a true wicket.

In bowling, Lockie Ferguson and left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner should be the key performers and would have to be at their best to check the free-stroking Indian batting line-up.

The teams (from):
India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Hardik Pandya (vice-capt), Srikar Bharat, Yuzevendra Chahal, Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Shahbaz Ahmed, Shubman Gill, Shardul Thakur, Umran Malik, Washington Sundar and Suryakumar Yadav.

New Zealand: Tom Latham (Capt.), Finn Allen, Doug Bracewell, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy, Lockie Ferguson, Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Henry Shipley, Ish Sodhi and Blair Tickner.

Umpires: Nitin Menon & Anil Chaudhary.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m. IST

India-New Zealand H2H in ODIs

	Matches	India	New Zealand	Tied	NR
Overall	113	55	50	1	7
In India	35	26	8	0	1

The schedule

First ODI:	Second ODI:	Third ODI:	All matches start at 1.30 p.m.
Jan.18, Hyderabad	Jan. 21, Raipur	Jan. 24, Indore	

"We just want to continue from where we left after the series against Sri Lanka. The opposition changes but our execution shouldn't"
ROHIT

"We are looking forward to a competitive series and to adapt to the conditions as this will be our last chance here before the World Cup"
LATHAM

Australia make a small point, but miss the larger one

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

On the face of it, Australia's withdrawal from a One-Day International series against Afghanistan might appear to be the right thing to do, human rights trumping sport. But in cricket, as in life, the Emerson Principle applies. "The louder he talked of his honour, the faster we counted our spoons," as Ralph Waldo Emerson, the American philosopher said in the 19th century.

So it is now time to count the spoons.

For one, the matches are not in Afghanistan, but in the UAE. For another, it will affect Afghanistan's cricket rather than the political fortunes of the Taliban who are not overly worried about what the world thinks of them.

There is too a pattern here that is emerging in Australian cricket – the reluctance to play teams like Afghanistan and Bangladesh. What would have been the inaugural Test with Afghanistan, in Hobart, was 'postponed' in November 2021. A tour of Bangladesh was called off in 2015 for "security reasons" (South Africa, India and Pakistan all toured that year), and three years later Bangladesh's tour of Australia was cancelled for "financial reasons".

Heart-warming

Afghanistan's cricketing evolution is one of sport's most romantic and heart-warming stories. Out of the ashes of war and suffering and relief camps, cricket began as a distraction, and then became more serious and focused. The cricketing world willed them on as they made their international debut in 2009. Less than a decade later they had Test status.

At the time they had no women's team, and the International Cricket Council showed little interest – according to some locals - in pushing for one. No one complained.

The elevation of the men's team was welcomed as reward for sheer doggedness and spirit. The Taliban were said to favour men's cricket, but when Kabul fell to them in August 2021, women were banned from playing cricket because, as a spokesmen put it, "it is not necessary for women to play cricket."

Three pioneering women cricketers who were exiled in Canada, said the International Cricket Council had not lifted a finger to help them. Australia themselves played Afghanistan in the World T20, sandwiched between their two boycotts, of the one-off Test and the series now. So, for about three and a half hours, the Taliban were acceptable.

Was Afghanistan given Test status too early? There was no first class cricket at home, no women's cricket, and the heart rather than the head guided that decision. Yet, the country has won three of the six Tests played, beating Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and Ireland. However, India apart, no top side - Australia, South Africa, England, New Zealand - have deigned to play them.

The fact remains, however, that human rights is an issue in Afghanistan, and there is serious concern about the Taliban's ban on women's education. Australia's action might shine some light on this.

But it is useful to remember that star player Rashid Khan displayed extraordinary courage when he, and fellow-players like Mohammad Nabi and Gulbadin Naib condemned the Taliban ban on women's education as soon as the announcement was made. When he took the field for The Hundred tournament in England, Rashid had the original flag of Afghanistan painted on his face (and not the new Taliban flag). His stand has been one of courage and conviction – not the words that come readily when discussing Australia's stand.

T20 franchise cricket has come as a boon for Afghanistan. Players like Rashid Khan (who claimed 29 wickets in the three Tests Afghanistan won), Mohammed Nabi, and Naveen-ul-Haq have a platform to showcase their talents. Rashid is a world-class leg spinner who was good enough to captain his country in Tests at 19.

Rashid and his colleagues have threatened to pull out of Australia's Big Bash League, accusing them of "politicising" sport. While sport and politics cannot be separated, selective concern must be called out. Cricket is Afghanistan's one source of happiness, providing a sense of purpose to a country buffeted as much by the political designs of Western powers as by the religious zeal of their own people.

Cricket is forced to pay for the narrow-mindedness of political leaders.

Would England or India refuse to tour Australia in protest against that country's human rights record? According to an Amnesty International report last year, "The rights of Indigenous peoples, refugees and asylum seekers continue to be violated...."

At the United Nations Human Rights council's periodic review, Australia were urged to "step up your action to promote the Human Rights of Indigenous people."

And so we keep counting the spoons...

Baby's fighting century bails out Kerala after the Karnataka pacers make early inroads

Saviour: Sachin Baby pulled Kerala out of the woods against Karnataka with a classy knock. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

RANJI TROPHY

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Karnataka captain Mayank Agarwal wouldn't have bothered too much about losing the toss in the morning as his opening bowlers made early inroads and enabled the visitors to take control of the Ranji Trophy match against Kerala at the KCA- St. Xavier's College ground on Tuesday.

In ideal conditions for swing bowling, the Karnataka medium-pacers V. Koushik and V. Vyshak forced errors from the Kerala top-order batters to reduce the side to 5/3. It needed yet another rearguard century from Sachin Baby (116 batting) to carry the hosts to a respectable total of 224 for six at stumps on the opening day.

Baby's 10th Ranji Trophy century and his two crucial stands –120 for the fourth wicket with Vathsal Govind (46) and an undefeated 50 for the seventh wicket with Jalaj Saxena (31 batting) – kept Kerala alive in the contest.

Slide begins

The slide started in the opening over when P. Rahul (0) missed a flick and was trapped in front by Koushik. Baby walked in at the fall of Rohan Prem (0), who edged an outswinger from Vyshak to Devdutt Padikkal at second slip.

Rohan Kunnummal (5) began with an off driven four, steered Koushik to Nikhil Jose at gully to leave Kerala in tatters.

The nudges and edges gave way to flowing drives and cuts from Baby as he, along with Vathsal revived the innings. Koushik returned and struck twice in quick succession to remove Vathsal and Salman Nizar (0) to leave Kerala struggling at 128 for five.

Akshay Chandran (17) resisted for a while adding 46 with Baby for the sixth wicket. After Akshay perished to a bad shot, Baby found support from Jalaj Saxena. The two played out the final session without further damage.

The scores:

Kerala — 1st innings: P. Rahul lbw b Koushik 0, Rohan Kunnummal c Nikhil b Koushik 5, Rohan Prem c Padikkal b Vyshak 0, Sachin Baby (batting) 116, Vathsal Govind c Sharath b Koushik 46, Salman Nizar b Koushik 0, Akshay Chandran c Hedge b Gopal 17, Jalaj Saxena (batting) 31; Extras (nb-6, lb-3): 9; Total (for six wkts. in 90 overs): 224.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-1, 3-6, 4-126, 5-128, 6-174.

Karnataka bowling: Koushik 15-4-36-4, Vyshak 17-2-56-1, Gowtham 26-3-56-0, Hegde 17-2-48-0. Gopal 15-3-25-1.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES

Elite (Round six, day one):
Group A: Baroda 86 in 35.3 overs (Agrim Tiwari 5/40) vs. Uttarakhand 74/4 in 32 overs. **Toss:** Uttarakhand
Odisha 222/5 in 82 overs (Shantanu Mishra 107 batting, Rajesh Dhuper 62, Abhishek Raut 43 batting) vs. UP. **Toss:** Odisha.
Himachal Pradesh 285/6 in 90 overs (Ankit Kalsi 116 batting, Nikhil Gangta 41, Rishi Dhawan 40, Mayank Dagar 53 batting) vs. Nagaland. **Toss:** Nagaland.
Bengal 335/6 in 90 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 57, Anustup Majumdar 137 batting, Abishek Porel 49) vs. Haryana. **Toss:** Haryana.
Group B: Andhra 256/5 in 90 overs (Abhishek Reddy 46, Ricky Bhui 80) vs. Saurashtra. **Toss:** Andhra.
Tamil Nadu 386/4 in 90 overs (N. Jagadeesan 125, B. Indrajith 77, Pradosh Ranjan Paul 99 batting, Vijay Shankar 53 batting) vs. Assam. **Toss:** TN.
Mumbai 293 in 79.2 overs (Prithvi Shaw 40, Sarfaraz Khan 125, Pranshu Vijayran 4/66) vs. Delhi. **Toss:** Delhi.
Maharashtra 353/5 in 85 overs (Naushad Shaikh 145 batting, Kedar Jadhav 71, Ashay Palkar 61 batting) vs. Hyderabad. **Toss:** Hyderabad.
Group C: Services 175 in 59.2 overs (Pulkit Narang 52) vs. Goa 36/1 in 18 overs. **Toss:** Services.
Pondicherry 217/7 in 87.2 overs (Paras Dogra 68, K.B. Arun Karthik 68) vs. Jharkhand. **Toss:** Pondicherry.
Kerala 224/6 in 90 overs (Sachin Baby 116 batting, Vathsal Govind 46, Vasuki Koushik 4/36) vs. Karnataka. **Toss:** Kerala.
Rajasthan 330/8 in 85 overs (Mahipal Lomror 47, Samarpit Joshi 123, Sahil Dhiwan 41, Manav Suthar 45 batting) vs. Chhattisgarh. **Toss:** Chhattisgarh.
Group D: Punjab 302/5 in 90 overs (Anmolpreet Singh 124, Nehal Wadhera 123 batting) vs. Madhya Pradesh. **Toss:** MP.
Jammu & Kashmir 52/0 in 24 overs vs. Tripura. **Toss:** J&K.
Railways 327/8 in 88 overs (Vivek Singh 108, Upendra Yadav 113, Sandeep Sharma 5/87) vs. Chandigarh. **Toss:** Chandigarh.
Vidarbha 74 in 30.3 overs (Chintan Gaja 5/31, Tejas Patel 5/19) vs. Gujarat 188/5 in 54 overs (Aarya Desai 88, Bhargav Merai 40). **Toss:** Vidarbha.
Plate: Semifinals: Bihar 329/6 in 78 overs (Sachin Kumar 75, Bipin Saurabh 177, Sakibul Gani 43) vs. Meghalaya. **Toss:** Meghalaya.
Sikkim 229 in 71.4 overs (Nilesh Lamichaney 83, Sumit Singh 56, Pheiroijam Singh 4/33, Kishan Singha 4/79) vs. Manipur 46/1 in 15 overs. **Toss:** Manipur.
Fifth place play-off: Arunachal Pradesh 199 in 87.2 overs vs. Mizoram 2/0 in 1 over. **Toss:** Arunachal.

Arjun, Pragg, Gukesh held

Sports Bureau

Arjun Erigaisi, R. Praggnanandhaa and D. Gukesh were engaged in drawn encounters in the third round of the Tata Steel Masters in Wijk aan Zee, in the Netherlands, on Monday.

In the Challengers' section, B. Adhiban also drew.

The results (third round):
Masters: Arjun Erigaisi (1.5) drew with Levon Aronian (1.5); R. Praggnanandhaa (1.5) drew with Vincent Keymer (1); D. Gukesh (0.5) drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov (2); Magnus Carlsen (2) drew with Ding Liren (2); Parham Maghsoodloo (1.5) drew with Anish Giri (2); Fabiano Caruana (2) bt Jorden van Foreest (1); Richard Rapport (1) drew with Wesley So (1.5).
Challengers: Alexander Donchenko (2) drew with B. Adhiban (1.5); Javokhir Sindarov (2) bt R. Vaishali (0.5); Abhimanyu Mishra (1.5) lost to Velimir Ivic (2); Amin Tabatabaei (2) drew with Luis Supi (1.5); Max Warmerdam (2) drew with Eline Roebers (1.5); Erwin L'Ami (0.5) lost to Mustafa Yilmaz (2); Thomas Beerdsen (1.5) bt Jergus Pechac (0.5).